Proposal - Open Education Global Conference
European Network for Catalysing Open Resources in Education, ENCORE+

Session Type: Webinar Presentation
Solving challenges of sustainability of community engagement for OER

Building on the inception of the ENCORE+ European OER Ecosystem, this presentation will discuss the future of OER Ecosystems by presenting and engaging the participants on the future of the community. The goal of this presentation is to address issues of long term community engagement. The attendees of OE Global, and subsequently the beneficiaries and stakeholders of the project are key to sustaining the Ecosystem.

ENCORE+ will present the feedback and lessons learned from the already completed circle community events, research findings, and address challenges and opportunities of leadership and engagement across the continent to sustain the Ecosystem. We will present and reflect on sustainability of community initiatives, and open this up to the global education community for sharing ideas and resources after the presentation on OEG Connect.

Furthermore the presentation will discuss sustainability of community initiatives, to find key drivers of the same. The participants will join in on the important discussion on what sustains an initiative after a project's funding has been exhausted. Creation of informal and formal networks for OER is key to the implementation of the OER recommendation, especially to avoid duplication and to maximize on the opportunities of with OER.

The presentation will be of interest to anyone interested in OER in Europe and the topic of sustained and impactful international collaboration. Additionally, the presentation addresses long term sustainability of community/network based projects, which will likely resonate with many participants.

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Further information on ENCORE+:

In summary the project and European OER Ecosystem for OER will:

1. **Engage** business actors, including SMEs, in the OER ecosystem by demonstrating the innovation potential of open content for Human Resources development in companies
2. **Nurture** the uptake of OER in Europe by stimulating the integration of organisational strategies for OER in business and academia, encouraging both sectors to co-learn from successful implementation practice
3. **Contribute** to the development of a sustained and well-mapped European OER innovation area by connecting and fostering knowledge exchange across HE and business
4. **Organise and open** cultures and communities to facilitate stakeholder collaboration and catalyse the spread of innovative practices built on OER across the European area
5. **Realise** a new vision for technological infrastructure which develops collaboration and connection among OER repositories into a European OER Ecosystem
6. **Establish** open, distributed and highly trusted community-based quality review strategies for the future European OER Ecosystem and involve businesses and higher education institutions in dialogues on quality and innovation through OER

**At the European level,** the anticipated effect is a significant push for a European area for OER-based innovation as an integrated part of the European Education Area. This will contribute to making a reality the vision expressed several times by the European Commission on the need to use OER as a driver for both inclusion and innovation. A further important impact will be in terms of improved university-business cooperation.

**At an international level,** ENCORE+ will be a key mechanism for the implementation of the 2019 UNESCO OER Recommendation. We expect to bring about closer collaboration among quality OER repositories beyond Europe, mainly thanks to the international reach of the project coordinator; the prestige of the academics; and the presence of several UNESCO and ICDE Chairs among the project partners who will connect the work of ENCORE+ with international developments in OER.

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