



Higher Education Exploring ICT Use for Lifelong Learning HEXTLEARN Newsletter

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HEXTLEARN Actual

Workshop at the 2009 EDEN Annual Conference

The Role of Higher Education Institutions as Innovators in Lifelong Learning - System View and Specialised Dialogue -

EDEN 2009 ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Gdansk, Poland
Friday 12th of June, 16:30 CET (Session F5)

The workshop aims at being a meeting point for decision makers and practitioners interested on the quality in the use of ICT for teaching and learning in the Higher Education Institutions.

- E-learning territories and best practices
- Developing of a common framework for the evaluation of ICT in Higher Education Institutions
- "Shaping the new specialised communities in the use of ICT for teaching and learning in Higher Education" – interactive session with participants to the workshop

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Activities in Progress

Building conditions for peer reviewing fellow institutions

The highpoint of the HEXTLEARN **Peer Review** process is the development of a common framework for the informal evaluation of ICT in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). The Peer Reviews will be based on face-to-face visits and web 2.0 environments targeting the better understanding of the territories and the operational context of European HEIs. Particular attention will be given to the place of ICT in enhancing the quality of education.

The activities "under construction" are:

1. **Building a pool of peer reviewers** to be involved in the peer review: interested experts may use "Expression of Interest" form to become member of this pool (<http://www.eden-online.org/online/hextlearn/>). You can also become member of the LinkedIn group for HEXTLEARN to get instant updates on hot topics and vivid discussions.
2. **Organisation of Virtual peer review** (including a "Web support service"): we are working on a guide that is being adapted to the final social software to be used in the frame of the Peer review.

Project Diary

News from the HEXTLEARN Consortium

HEXTLEARN on LinkedIn: connecting HEI experts on ICT online

The [HEXTLEARN project](#) has now launched its [LinkedIn group](#) to boost networking and exchange of experiences on the net. The LinkedIn group is called 'Hextlearn', and is open to every interested professional on the field. By joining the group, you will be able to share and discuss online and be directly connected to the leading experts of the field.

Elearningeuropa.info spreads the HEXTLEARN word

The HEXTLEARN project was selected as the "[Project of the month](#)" by elearningeuropa.info, a portal established by the European Commission to promote the use of multimedia technologies and Internet at the service of education and training. The project was highlighted in the April newsletter. The HEXTLEARN "space" at the site was visited over 5500 times in the past three months.

News Channel – HEXTLEARN recommends

Fostering Quality Through Creative Learnsapes

HEXTLEARN partner the European Foundation for Quality in E-learning is organising its [2009 Innovation Forum](#) focusing on learning landscapes (learnsapes) in informal learning on 24-25 September in Helsinki, Finland. Learnsapes are the ecosystems for informal learning. They are viewed as a major factor for releasing creativity, providing the space for learners to design their own "learning landscape" and thus innovation educational practices and organisations.

Benchmarking E-learning Courses in Higher Education

A benchmarking project from the University of Applied Sciences in Helsinki is looking for international partners. The objective of the 2009 project is to support teachers of Universities of Applied Sciences in the development of more authentic online teaching and learning and to consider elements of authentic learning from a multi-cultural perspective. If you teach eLearning courses in English and wish to compare them with those of Finnish teachers of Universities of Applied Sciences, please contact [Leena Vainio](#) at HAMK.

Student Expectations on ICT Use in HEI in the UK

The UK based Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) commissioned Ipsos MORI to undertake research among first year students studying in higher education to: Understand first year students' experiences of ICT use and provision in HEIs, particularly in light of the expectations which emerged from the first study in June 2007; Examine whether there is a mismatch between expectations and reality. Over 1,000 students were researched using quantitative and qualitative techniques. To download the publication, visit the [JISC website](#).

Fourth European Quality Assurance Forum

The 4th European Quality Assurance Forum will be hosted by the Copenhagen Business School (Copenhagen, Denmark) on 19 – 21 November 2009.

The main goal of this event is to provide a discussion forum centred on how current internal and external quality assurance approaches take account of institutional diversity and support creativity in higher education. Through plenary and parallel sessions, the discussion will frame these issues in the context of the ongoing construction of the European Higher Education Area.

To learn more on the Call for Contributions, please [visit the Forum's website](#).

Models and Tools for Quality Management

UNI-QM project aims at creating a comprehensive model and tools for quality management in lifelong learning organisations and continuing education. This project brings you specific quality management tools based on the EFQM model.

The project website offer tools such as: questionnaire for self-assessment, matrix for self-assessment, matrix for external evaluation or the UNI-QM framework for quality management. You will also be able to download specific case studies on leadership, partnership and resources, policy and strategy, process management and human resources. For more information, visit <http://www.uniqm.net>

The HEXTLEARN Website:

<http://zope.reu.pub.ro/hextlearn/>

HEXTLEARN group on LinkedIn:

<http://www.linkedin.com>