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SAVE THE DATE FOR OOFHEC2020

On 28–30 October 2020 we will organise our yearly OOFHEC Conference hosted by the University of Bari in Italy. The title and topics will be available in the beginning of 2020 but please mark the date in your agenda.



New rector Universidade Aberta

On December 16th, at the Pavilion of Knowledge, in Lisbon, the inauguration ceremony of the new Rector of the Open University for the 2019–2023 quadrennium, Carla Padrel de Oliveira, was held. Following speeches by the President of the General Council and the outgoing Rector Paulo Dias. Carla Padrel de Oliveira gave her address in her new role of Rector of Universidade Aberta (UAb).

We thank Paulo Dias for the years he was inspiring and active member in EADTU's Supervisory Board and General Assembly.

Micro-credentials and ECCOE project

Nowadays there is a growing need for an open, online and flexible higher education. This requires, from one side, the need of new educational formats (not only bachelor and master but *shorter* learning programmes), and, from the other, the demand of recognizing and assessing prior knowledge. In this context the ECCOE– European Credit Clearinghouse for Opening up Education– is positioned, which has the main purpose of developing an “ECCOE–system” for the recognition of digital credentials. The consortium is composed of six partners, including EADTU, coordinated by the French AUNEGe – Université Numérique Economie Gestion. The kick-off was in September 2019 and the partners have three years ahead.

[Link to the project](#)



1st Convention on MOOCs for the Labour market

The **European MOOC Consortium** (EMC) (FutureLearn, FUN, MiariadaX, EduOpen and OpenupEd) joined forces in a knowledge alliance with the public employment services, sectoral organizations and universities for the development, delivery and use of MOOCs for the labour market. On Wednesday, December 18th, these stakeholders have met together for the 1st time in a convention organized by EADTU in Brussels. At this event the potential of MOOC offerings for the labour market and the Common Microcredential Framework (CMF) were discussed as part of integrating MOOCs and MOOC–based programmes in the educational and training system. If you can contribute or are interested in our initiative, come back to us, we will be happy to support you with more information.

An ERASMUS+ Project for developing an Adaptive Personalized System for Creating Expression Tools in Social Inclusion of Learners with Verbal Communication Disabilities

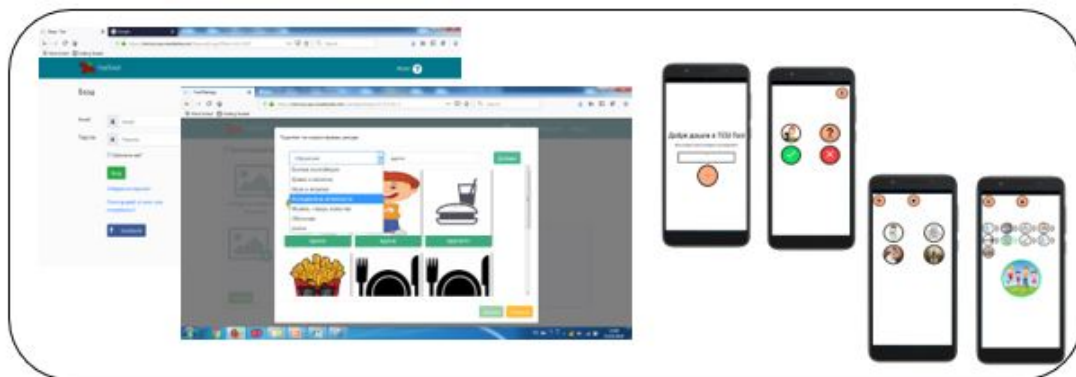
TESI project focuses on social integration of people with verbal communication disorders that are at risk of social isolation, that is reaching the final stage and closing at the end of 2019. We got all objectives and we have implemented the developed environment and application through the schools and pilots in Bulgaria, Romania, Croatia, Greece and Poland.

We focused on the conceptualizing and development of social competence (SC) related to personal, social and professional development of people with verbal communication disorders through creation of adaptive, affordable and easy-to-use software solution that will enrich their personal expression opportunities

Main Beneficiaries:

- People with verbal communication disabilities;
- Teachers, Tutors, (special) Educators
- Caregivers
- Parents
- Supportive staff
- Nurses
- Psychologists
- Social educators, Social workers
- **In a long-term:** Counsellors /coaches/mentors (in a broad sense) for those who have a bachelor's and/or Master's degree in psychology, pedagogy, medicine, sports, social activities and want to further develop in this area, authorities, policy makers in the area of special education, management of educational institutions, Community members.

You can have all information on the project, analysis, reports and documents on the application developed and specific implementation, pilots and use cases at the [project website](#)



TESI Tool Web-based Application and Mobile Application



Call for Papers for the 6th International Conference 'Crossroads of Languages and Cultures' (CLC 6)

Open University of Cyprus and University of Cyprus with the cooperation of Polydromo will organize the 6th International Conference 'Crossroads of Languages and Cultures' (CLC 6) in Nicosia, on October 23–25, 2020.

The main theme of CLC6 is the charting of the relationship between plurilingualism, linguistic variation, hybrid linguistic performances and alternative literacies. Plenary speakers are Professor Ofelia Garcia (City University of New York), Professor Clare Mar-Molinero (University of Southampton) and Professor Eleni Skourtou (University of the Aegean).

Submission deadline for the Call for Papers: February 17 2020

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Open University of the Netherlands 3rd in the list of the 14 Dutch universities

The Open University of the Netherlands achieved a third place in the list of the 14 Dutch universities across both categories of broad classical and other universities in the rankings of the Dutch "Keuzegids Universiteiten 2020". Rector Magnificus of the Open University (OU), Prof. Theo Bastiaens: 'I am very happy with this result. With specific Bachelor's programs, the Open University ensures that academic education in the Netherlands is accessible to everyone. You can study with us for an academic bachelor without specific prior education. Moreover, our courses do not have a numerus fixus. If you then see that the quality of our bachelor's education is also highly valued, in addition to a top position for all our master's programs, that is something to be proud of. The Bachelor's programs at the Open University are for everyone and, very importantly, they can be integrated into everyone's life.'

The "Keuzegids Universiteiten 2020" offers rankings based, among other things, on the results of the National Student Survey (NSE) 2019. In addition to student assessments, the selection guide also includes expert assessments from the assessment visit reports prepared for the accreditation of study programs.



- * Multiplier Event EMBED, 22 January 2020 – Brussels (Belgium)
- * Teaching and Learning forum EUA, 13–14 February 2020, Utrecht (The Netherlands)
- * EMBED Training Seminar, 15 – 17 April 2020, Aarhus (Denmark)
- * EADTU–EU Summit, 30 April 2020, Brussels (Belgium)
- * The Open edX Conference, 19–22 May 2020, Lisbon (Portugal)
- * [UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development](#), 2 – 4 June 2020, Berlin (Germany)
- * OOFHEC2020, 28 – 30 October 2020, Bari (Italy)
- * EQAF Espoo, 12–14 November 2020 (Finland)
- * Online Education, 25–27 November 2020, Berlin (Germany)

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