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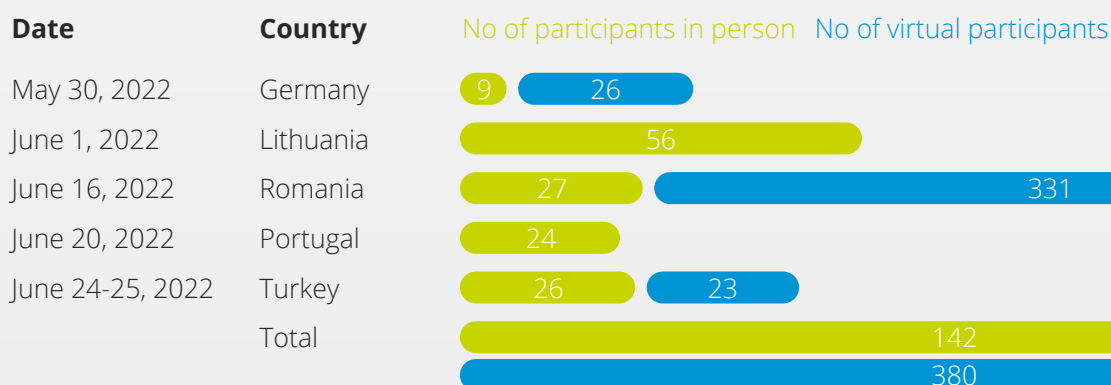


Curricular modernization by implementing MOOCs model/MODE IT

MODE IT stands for the Erasmus+ project „**Curricular modernization by implementing MOOCs model**”, which started on the 1st of October 2019 and was carried out by five higher education institutions from Germany, Lithuania, Turkey, Portugal, and Romania. The project sought to introduce innovative MOOC-based pedagogical approaches to the design and delivery of higher education courses.

This final newsletter presents the MODE IT highlights under the five Multiplier Events hosted face-to-face and virtually, aimed at communicating relevant project messages, promoting the three intellectual outputs, and presenting project products to a wider audience in each partner country.

MODE IT Multiplier Events: FACTS & FIGURES



Multiplier Event in Germany



The Multiplier Event (ME) event in Germany entitled “MOOCification of formal education – good practices, success factors, supporting tools” was implemented on May 30, 2022 in a hybrid format.

The event lounge was set up at the premises of the FHM in Berlin and equipped with the 360° camera OWL. The presentations and discussions, which took place in the event lounge with „physical” MODE IT partners from Germany, Portugal, Romania, and Turkey, were broadcasted to virtual guests via the platform Microsoft Teams. A specific feature of the event was its international dimension. 26 external virtual guests from 15 countries spread across a wider geographical area, such as Albania, Germany, Greece, India, Italy, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Moldova, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkmenistan participated in the event.

Also job profiles of participants ranged from university lecturers and assistant professors through e-learning and open education consultants at ICT companies up to representatives of International and project offices. During the event, which was moderated by the FHM team, the MODE IT project and all the three intellectual outputs were presented in details. MODE IT partners from other institutions actively contributed to the online conference by highlighting the individual outcomes and impact of the project for their home institutions.



The participants’ feedback showed a very high level of satisfaction with the event. In particular, guests highlighted the organizational aspects of the event, informative, well-balanced and high-quality content of the presentations, a variety of high-quality speakers, insightful and practical interventions on each intellectual output.

Furthermore, participants expressed a high interest in reusing the produced outputs as well as in replicating teachers’ experiences under IO3. After the event, a few requests from Moldova, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan regarding a possible cooperation under similar projects were received.

Looking forward to valorize MODE IT experience within the next Capacity Building bid!

Multiplier Event in Lithuania

The ME event in Lithuania entitled “MOOC-Based Open Education Practices in Europe: Opportunities for Learners and Educators” took place on June 1, 2022 in face-to-face mode at the premises of Kaunas University of Technology (Santaka Valley KTU Science, Technology and Business Centre).

In total, 22 external guests attended the event who represented not only major universities of Lithuania but also educators from other national educational institutions, such as National Association of Distance Education or National Centre of Education. In addition, one guest from Ukraine attended the event as well as 34 internal lectures from KTU.

The highlight of the seminar was the discussion about current open education practices as well as workshop dedicated to their in practice and moderated by Daina Gudoniene.



Multiplier Event in Romania

The Politehnica University of Timișoara (UPT), through the e-Learning Center and the Multimedia Center, together with the Erasmus + MODE IT project team organized on June 16, 2022, the first edition of the International Workshop Digital Transformation, with the theme Experiences in digital education.

The event gathered over 300 participants both physically, in the Auditorium of the UPT Conference Center, and virtually. The presentations were held in front of 27 live participants of which 10 were from the Politehnica University of Timisoara and 17 others from other institutions, and 331 virtual stakeholders from HEIs, administration, and private companies.

The first edition of this workshop began with the presentation of the training for teachers „Introduction to MOOC design and delivery”, developed within the project, as well as the open digital certificates awarded after its completion. The event took place in Romanian and was addressed to all students, professors from academia and secondary education, but also to the general public.



During the workshop, there were also interactive sessions directly with the participants. Participation was free, being recognized through Open Badges.

In addition, various platforms were introduced through which participants can openly access online courses, free of charge, including the MODE IT courses.

Multiplier Event in Portugal

The Multiplier Event of the Porto Polytechnic was organized on the 20th of June 2022 at the Instituto Superior de Engenharia do Porto. The promotion of the event was made locally and to all the Higher Education institutions in Portugal using social media, and specific communication channels. 24 external participants from different universities and organizations joined the local teachers and researchers in this session.

The event started with the presentation of the project and its main results, mostly related to the MOOC training and achieved results. The presentations were done by the teachers involved directly in the project and the ones that developed their own MOOCs. An external expert was also invited to present a general view of MOOCs in the Portuguese HEIs.

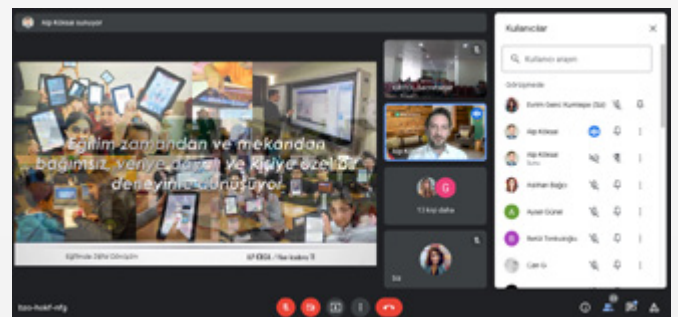


In the end, attendants were given access to the different tools and MOOCs produced in the scope of the project.

Multiplier Event in Turkey

Anadolu University organized a hybrid multiplier event entitled “Integrating MOOCs for formal curricula: Strategies, implementation and lessons learned” from June 24-25, 2022, as a part of the International Conference on Educational Technology and Online Learning (ICE-TOL) in Balıkesir, Turkey.

The hybrid multiplier event consisted of two-panel discussions. In the first panel entitled „MOOCs for Formal Curricula”, the important MOOCs providers and practitioners from around the world shared their messages and exchanged their ideas and practices on the integration of MOOCs into formal curricula. In the second pa-



nel „MODE IT Experiences”, the AU Team presented the unique learning and the challenges during the project.

A wide range of participants, including educators, learners, and instructional designers as the key stakeholders of higher education institutions as well as practitioners and policymakers, interested in innovative teaching and learning practices, were present.

Hybrid panels enabled a live audience to physically participate in the events while providing participants who cannot attend the conference in person the chance to join virtually.



CONCLUSION



The Multiplier events were the final accords of the MODE IT project, which greatly supported the partnership in disseminating the results and outcomes. On June 30, 2022 the project has finished! We are happy and proud of our achievements and invite everybody to visit our website under www.mode-it.eu in order to benefit to the full extent and for free from MODE IT outputs.

Looking forward to seeing you under new projects!

Your MODE IT team

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