

DECriS project

Meeting Minutes, March 4, 2021

Present

Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić, Boris Badurina, Boris Bosančič. Sanjica Faletar-Tanacković, Kristina Feldvari, Gordana Gašo, Damir Hasenay, Ines Horvat, Sandra Kučina Softić, Tomislav Jakopec, Thomas Mandl, Milijana Mičunović, Tania Todorova, Cristóbal Urbano

Absent

Hristina Bogova, J. J. Bote, Maite Comalat Navarra, Joachim Griesbaum, Irena Jandrić, Anita Papić, Daniela Pavlova, Sabina Rako,

Opening

The first ("extra") meeting of DECriS project was called to order by Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić at 09:30 on March 4, 2021 at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Osijek and as a Zoom meeting. After the initial introductions, Thomas Mandl and Cristóbal Urbano reported of possibilities to include other participants in the Project and they will inform Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić of their names. Tania Todorova reported the possibility of including one more teacher to give lecture at the Summer School in Osijek and it was decided that the deadline for adding another lecturer is June 1, 2021.

The Agenda was presented and accepted as such.

Agenda

1. Acceptance of the DECriS budget

Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić reported that the DECriS Project was accepted and that the budget was 7.000 Euros less than what it was initially reported. The proposed budget was accepted.

2. Project management

Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić presented the second topic of the Meeting which consists of several points such as contracts between the University of Osijek and each partner, Management Plan, Risk Management Plan, Dissemination Plan and Quality Assurance Plan. It was stated that each partner will receive the contract which in turn needs to be signed by the Rectors of each University that is a partner in the Project. Contracts will state the allocation of Project funds which depends on the division of tasks as well as organizing jobs / events for each partner institution. These contracts will be sent to each partner institution for signing. Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić reported that it is, besides the contract, necessary to have all of the above-mentioned



plans for DECriS project. Similar documents already exist on the EINFOSE Project platform and the team from Osijek will revise them and modify according to the DECriS Project requirements.

There were no other suggestions concerning this topic.

3. DECriS Platform

The team which will be responsible for the DECriS Platform will consist of participants from Osijek – Boris Badurina, Boris Bosančić and Tomislav Jakopec. Their first task will be to analyze the EINFOSE Project platform which contains everything pertaining to the Project and to think on how to approach the DECriS Project platform. Sandra Kučina Softić will also be involved in the creation of DECriS platform in an advisory capacity and collaboration on the new features and solutions which are available.

4. Transnational Project Meetings

Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić reported that the Transnational Project Meetings are fixed, and part of the planned budget is allocated for travel and accommodation expenses for participants from abroad – 2 from each partner institution. If the meetings are not held, the allocated budget needs to be returned. The "kick-off" meeting was also discussed, and it is proposed that it will be organized in May of 2021 in Osijek. Tania Todorova and Thomas Mandl have expressed concern because of COVID-19 restrictions which may still be in place during May and stated that they are not sure if their institutions will allow travel to Osijek. It was discussed that one possible option is that some of the participants will be able to participate online while others will be there in person. It was presented that some flexibility is allowed due to the specific COVID-19 rules and regulations and in accordance with them all participants have to announce their presence for the "kick-off" meeting by April 15, 2021. Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić reported that all possible changes to the fixed meeting have to be approved by the Agency and that she will take it upon herself to communicate those possible changes and ask for their approval. She also proposed that an extension could be approved especially since DECriS is a 24-month project. The proposed extension is until May 1, 2023. The other planned Meetings are the Summer School in Osijek planned for August 2021, Preparations for the Summer School 2022 in Hildesheim as well as the Presentation and Discussion of Survey Results planned for September of 2021 in Barcelona.

The organization of Multiplier events was also briefly discussed. It was proposed that the meetings of the Project teams will be organized at the same time as the Multiplier events because that way the cost for travel and accommodation can be covered for members of the Project as well as the participants of the Multiplier events.

5. Summer School (August 2021, Osijek)

The team which will be responsible for the organization of the Summer School 2021 in Osijek are Kristina Feldvari, Anita Papić and Milijana Mičunović from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Osijek and they will need to consider the preparations for it in two scenarios.



Firstly "Plan A" which includes the participants to attend in person and secondly "Plan B" (online / hybrid) which includes participants to attend in an online environment or some of them in person while those which cannot travel due to COVID-19 restrictions to attend in an online environment. It was announced that every partner institution needs to send at least 3 to 4 students to the Summer School and each partner will pay, from the Project management money, extra 90 Euros per student attending the Summer School because the money allocated for these purposes is not enough. Tania Todorova has asked for this to be included in the contract because she needs to present every part of the agreement to her University. Sandra Kučina Softić expressed concern in finding students for the Summer School because SRCE is not a high education institution. The proposed solution was to invite the students from the Department of Information Science, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb.

6. Intellectual Outcomes

Short introduction of Intellectual Outcomes was discussed as following:

1. Survey of the state-of-the-play on the use and policy making documents on OERs at European HEIs during the COVID-19 crisis

The leading team of this Intellectual Outcome is Osijek, and its starting date is March 1, 2021 and ending date is September 7, 2021. The meetings concerning this Intellectual Outcome and the work on it will begin during March 2021.

2. Digital Education appraisal and quality perception by students, teachers, and trainers at the partner HEIs during the COVID-19 crisis

The leading team of this Intellectual Outcome is Barcelona, and its starting date is March 1, 2021 and ending date is November 7, 2021. Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić proposed that Cristóbal Urbano drafts a plan for this outcome and sends it to all members of the Project so that they can also contribute.

3. Optimisation of OERs

Starting date of this Intellectual Outcome is September 1, 2021. There are already 4 OERs which can be found on the EINFOSE Project platform and it is necessary to analyze them, improve them, enrich and adapt them for DECriS Project. There is also a completely new OER which will be created, and it will be concerned with preservation and curation.

Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić reported that the ending dates of Intellectual Outcomes are connected to the Multiplier Events which are in turn connected to Project meetings and that every Intellectual Outcome has a leading team but that all of the Project participants can comment on the work that has been done.

The Intellectual Outcomes for the next year are not included in this Agenda and they will be discussed in later meetings. This is the Intellectual Outcome about the organization of apprenticeship during COVID-19 and Tomislav Jakopec is in charge of it.

7. Tutorial 1



First Tutorial is to be organized in Barcelona and its starting date is September 1, 2021. The Tutorial will be organized by Cristóbal Urbanos team and it will be about video production i.e., how to implement videos in OERs. It is aimed at the participants of DECriS Project and each team will be obligated to send participants to attend it.

It was announced that the second Tutorial will be organized by SRCE in May or June 2022.

8. Multiplier events

Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić reported that two Multiplier events are planned for 2021:

- 1. Presentation and discussion about the critical factors of IO 1 which is planned for September 2021 in Barcelona and
- 2. Presentation and discussion about the critical factors for evaluation of existing OERs from the point of view of their use during the COVID-19 crisis which is planned for November 2021 in Sofia.

Cristóbal Urbano expressed that it would be very useful to have a calendar of all events (not just Multiplier events) in one document and Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić agreed to prepare it.

9. Other business

Thomas Mandl reported that he has the knowledge of another University which is involved in the similar project concerning OERs and it was concluded that it would be useful to contact them to see what their project is about.

Tatjana Aparac-Jelušić asked Thomas Mandl for help in making a list of OERs in Germany – where they can be found, what are their themes etc. because it is sometimes difficult to find them as they are sometimes specifically meant for one institution and require login data.

Sanjica Faletar Tanacković reported that help will be needed in collecting data for the survey (IO 1) about other institutions which have OERs. The focus of the survey was also discussed, and it was concluded that all iSchools should be included as well as all schools in LIS (which have media, documentation, business etc. in their names). Literature that focuses on LIS schools can be also used as a starting point for collecting all schools which should be included.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40.

Meeting minutes submitted by Ines Horvat.