



DECriS Transnational Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Friday and Saturday, 26 and 27 August 2022

Opening

The Transnational Meeting of DECriS project was called to order by Boris Bosančić on Friday, 26 August at 14:00 the University of Hildesheim and as a Zoom meeting. The agenda has been sent to the participants via e-mail and was accepted as such.

Agenda

1. Preliminary Report on DESS 2022

T. Mandl and L. Wöbbekind reported that the DESS 2022 Summer School that was held at the University of Hildesheim was successful and that the DECriS platform and recordings of lectures and workshops were working properly and without difficulties. 23 students were physically present and 5 students from Bulgaria were online during the whole program, attending the lectures and workshops via Big Blue Button platform. Student evaluations were collected before the closing of the DESS 2022 and will be analyzed later. The full report will follow after the whole analysis is completed. T. Mandl reported that the financial part of the organization was a bit complicated and T. Aparac-Jelušić elaborated the financial side of the organization by indicating that there was a certain amount for the support of 18 students which attended DESS 2022 and reported that details are going to be further elaborated in the final financial report.

2. Next steps regarding students' participation and host and partners' obligations

Students received the certificate for attending and participating DESS 2022. The attendance and participation are worth 2 ECTS points and partners need to decide how to recognize these ECTS points. They can be, for example, recognized instead of an elective course in their own Faculties but it depends on what is allowed in each partner's university and/or Faculty.

All presentations and assignments which were presented during the DESS 2022 program are on the DECriS Moodle platform. They can be viewed by students as well as lecturers.

Partners need to be made aware that they need to fill out their working sheets with all the activities which were performed during their work on the Project. Filled out working sheets need to be printed and signed by the persons which worked on the Project as well as the Head of Department in which they work. Then they need to be scanned and printed again because every activity needs to be documented and working sheets are documentation for the work that was done on the Project.

T. Aparac-Jelušić reminded the partners that they need to think not only about the lectures and material presented during summer school, but also about the content of the entire course for which they are responsible and for which they are going to create content because that is going to follow the report on optimization of OER's and the already made OER's are going to need



to be updated according to the new results. There are multiple possibilities, for example, creating short educational videos, interactive presentation etc. J. Boté reminded the partners that the license for Screencastomatic expires in November so the videos should be made until the end of October if the license will not be renewed.

3. Report on IO 2

C. Urbano presented the report on IO 2. The report was finished a bit after the deadline because it was complicated to organize and conduct many interviews, transcribe them, translate, and analyze the results. All partners from 5 countries were participating in the translation. The raw material is extremely interesting, it is presented in Section 4, organized by the departments. The idea is to present the qualitative data so that it will be possible to see what the participants' views and experiences are. It is organized in three sections – sentence, explanation, and quotation. All partners are invited to comment and discuss these transcriptions, change the quotes. The participants in the investigation have different perspective on OERs. Some of them made little videos or other educational resources for their students during the pandemic, but the problem that they encountered is what to do with these resources later – where to put them to be available to others. **The feedback on the IO 2 and Section 4 should be due until the end of September, not later than 5 October.**

The feedback on the Report on IO 2 should be discussed on the next PTM in Zagreb. J. Boté added that each partner should write their context because every country dealt with the education during the pandemic in different ways and the context is extremely important.

4. Report on IO 3

T. Todorova presented the report on IO 3. The goal of the research was to prepare the list of success factors that can be used to assess the existing OERs and their quality. The Bulgarian team evaluated OERs based on different elements such as scope, didactic approach, use of media etc. Another goal of this research was to present the typological classification for evaluation of OERs. T. Todorova presented the literature review and the most important information gathered from it, as well as the typological classification of critical success factors of OERs which are elaborated in the Report on IO 3 (pp. 34-56). The proposed methodological framework “4Ds for 5Rs of OERs” is presented in the four steps which correlate to the typological classification of the critical success factors (further elaborated in the Report on IO 3, pp. 60-62). After the presentation, the floor was open for discussion of the presented results. Partners have concluded that after the presentation it is obvious to know what is needed to produce a quality OER. C. Urbano commented that these factors can also be overbearing for the teachers that make OERs and that maybe this would be more appropriate for the librarians which support the faculty members and as well as the people in the learning centres. **It was concluded that the comments on IO 3 should be sent via e-mails by mid-September.**

1st part of the TPM was adjourned on Friday, 26 August at 19:12 and it was continued on Saturday, 27 August at 09:00.



5. Discussion on IO 1, IO 2 and IO 3 with conclusions about further activities regarding IO 4 and IO 5

The results of IOs 1-3 that partners have had a chance to hear about and discuss were very useful and accompanied with elaborated data. The following discussion was directed towards activities regarding IOs 4 and 5.

L. Wöbbekind reported about the work done on IO 4. IO 4 needs to analyze the success factors presented in the Report on IO 3. Student survey was already done at the closing session of DESS 2022. Approach model for IO 4 is to conduct expert interviews; 5 to 6 participants with a deeper insight. The discussion and semi-structured interviews will delve into implementation of success factors. It is important to note that IO 5 also depends on the IO 4 report so that the results about optimization can be used. IO 4 report will be presented in Zagreb at the end of November. C. Urbano suggested that a Delphi method could possibly be a better method to get the results on experts' opinions and conclusions especially because, by using this method, experts are expected to come to an agreement. There is also another advantage because the round of questionnaires can be sent to the experts via e-mail, and they can respond like that. It was concluded that this could be an appropriate method and the student survey could be done in partners' institutions with students that are not a part of the LIS field. The questionnaires for students should be changed in a way that more basic questions such as demographic, age, field of study etc. will be added.

A. Đurđević reported that the SRCE team is waiting for the input from other IOs, so that they can be able to continue the work on IO 5 and optimization of OERs. T. Aparac-Jelušić suggested what should be discussed in the TPM in Zagreb. It is important to understand that in the optimization of OERs and creating a completely new one, every partner needs to have a team which will do the necessary work. For example, on the course Advances in Information Science, T. Aparac-Jelušić will be the leading person, but will include a smaller team consisting of B. Bosančić, M. Mičunović, S. Faletar-Tanacković, M. Hibert, T. Jakopec and T. Mandl. For the course Principles of Information seeking and Retrieval – T. Mandl is the leading person, Research Methodology in Information Science – J. Boté, Evaluation of Information Services – permission from K. Petr-Balog to use the materials they already made, course Curation of analog and digital material – leading person D. Hasenay. When S. Kučina Softić and her team give all partners the tips on how to start with OER optimization, each team leader needs to organize the people in the group to work on the OER. OERs need to be finished by the end of June. Translation of these material would also be good – each partner could make OERs in English, but also in their language.

6. Preparations for ME 3



A. Đurđević reported about the preparations for ME 3 and Tutorial 2. The plan for the events in Zagreb is as follows:

22 November – TPM

23 November – Tutorial 2

24-25 November – Multiplier Event

Third Multiplier Event will be organized in Zagreb by SRCE at the University Computing Centre and some of the details are pending. Information will be sent via e-mail. If the partners want to participate in this Multiplier Event 3, they need to send their application mid-September and the material that they wish to present need to concern other presentations on open education, digital learning etc.

7. Preparations for Tutorial 2

Tutorial 2 will be organized in Zagreb by SRCE from Monday, 22 to 24 November at the University Computing Centre. Partners are reminded to start looking for accommodation near the venue although the information about all specifics will be sent via e-mail before the event. Tutorial 2 will cover the topics of advanced use of Moodle, H5P and creating other resources for OERs.

8. Preliminary program for TPM 5 in Zagreb

T. Aparac-Jelušić will send the draft of the agenda for the meeting at least 7 days before the meeting in November. Relevant issues that should be discussed are:

- The report on summer school DESS 2022, which should be done till the end of September, including the financial report.
- The information about IO 6 T. Jakopec is working and on and which concerns the student internship during the COVID-19 pandemic. Guidelines of the interviews which were conducted with the students and mentors at various institutions will be sent by mid-September. Partners are encouraged to use them to conduct their own investigations and they can present the results on the final conference.

9. Preparations for ME 4 – Final Conference in Osijek, 22 – 23 May 2023

T. Aparac-Jelušić reported that the first call for the paper for the final Multiplier Event i.e., Final Conference was already sent and that the second call is in preparation. The conference will be held in Osijek before the LIDA Conference from Monday afternoon, 22 May to Tuesday morning, 23 May and the partner will present the results of the Project. It is necessary that at least one member from each partner institution is a part of the program committee. Organization committee will consist mostly of the Croatian team in Osijek. It is necessary to understand that all invited participants will not have to pay the conference fee and that for each of them accommodation for 2 nights needs to be provided. The fee was discussed for the second part of



the Programme, and it was decided that for students it will be 40€ and for other participants 100€.

T. Mandl suggested that a keynote speaker could be someone that will come to LIDA. **Partners need to send their suggestions for the keynote speaker via e-mail till 10 September.**

On the first day of the Conference in the afternoon the partners are going to present the results of the Project and for the second morning people will be invited to send short papers, posters or a round table could be organized. D. Hasenay suggested a student session in which they could present their experiences from summer schools and C. Urbano suggested that we invite a teacher from Ukraine because they are now in the actual crisis, and they are also teaching during this crisis and a workshop with a real outcome that could attract more participants to the Conference.

TPM meeting will follow the Conference on Tuesday afternoon & Wednesday morning.

T. Aparac-Jelušić asked the partners to send her the list of already published material concerning the Project so it could be put on the DECriS platform and on EU Dissemination platform.

10. Preliminary Report on IO 6

Some of the information was shared during the point 8. and it was further remarked that some of the results concerning investigations in IO 6 were already published. First part of the investigation was presented in Ljubljana last autumn and the second part is accepted as a poster on ASIS&T conference in Pittsburgh.

11. Concluding remarks

The partners have expressed their thanks for the hosting during DESS 2022 and concluded that everyone agrees to the dates which are proposed as the deadline for giving feedback on IO 2 and IO 3 reports

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on Saturday, 27 August at 13:00.

Meeting minutes submitted by Ines Horvat.