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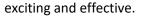# Upskilling Digital Pedagogy for Teachers and Future Teachers

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PROJECT PROGRESS AT A GLANCE

December 2023 and the delightful scenery of Kaunas city embraced three impactful and informative events of the E-teach Project. On December 11th and 12th, Kaunas hosted the sixth F2F Transnational Project Meeting, the 20th International Conference "ALTA'23 –Advanced Learning Technologies and Applications. Empowering Learning Through Digital Pedagogy", and the second Multiplier Event of the e-Teach project. The discussions of the Transnational meeting focused on reviewing the results of OI1 and OI2, planning for the upcoming multiplier events, addressing the project management, dissemination, and quality assurance, preparing for the final conference, and examining the progress in tasks and deliverables. ALTA'23 conference encompasses conversations about digital leadership, digital competencies, computational thinking, cutting-edge teaching technologies, and the future of digital education. The second multiplier event was a special seminar to share the results of the E-teach project and to exchange ideas on how to make education more exciting and effective.

THE E-TEACH F2F TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING

The sixth transnational project meeting was held on December 11th and 12th, 2023, and hosted by the Baltic Education Technology Institute in Kaunas. It was attended by participants from all partners institutions including Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University, Baltic Education Technology Institute, University of Social Sciences, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu and University of Helsinki. BETI introduced the meeting by sharing updates about the conference preparation. For instance, presentations from online and F2F attendees can be in English and Lithuanian language. At the Project meeting, partners reviewed together the results of OI1 and OI2, highlighting the achievements and the tasks that need to be followed up such as the summary and evaluation reports of the OER and the pilot study as well as finalizing the translation of the knowledge paper, the modular curriculum, and the teacher guide. Partners also discussed the planning for the upcoming multiplier events, set the stage for the much-anticipated final conference, and emphasized essential elements such as project management, strategies for dissemination, and maintaining quality assurance throughout the project. Notably, the gathering underscored the significance of enhancing and promoting both the final conference and each multiplier event.

ALTA'23 CONFERENCE

The 20th International Conference, "ALTA'23 - Advanced Learning Technologies and Applications: Empowering Learning through Digital Pedagogy," reached its successful conclusion on December 12, 2023, representing a noteworthy achievement in the realm of digital education. Hosted by the National Association of Distance Education and the E-learning Technology Center at Kaunas University of Technology, the conference, held both at the University Campus Library in Kaunas and virtually, united distinguished educators and technology specialists from various parts of the world. The conference covered a wide array of subjects, delving into conversations about digital leadership, digital competencies, computational thinking, and inventive teaching technologies. Emphasizing the pivotal role of micro-modules and micro-credentials in fostering lifelong learning, the conference highlighted the increasing shift towards adaptable and modular learning approaches. Attendees had the chance to participate in engaging discussions about the future landscape of digital education through interactive presentations and panel sessions. Several collaborators from the e-teach project made valuable contributions to the conference through their presentations. Highlighted talks encompassed subjects such as "Digital Leadership of Teachers and Academic Leaders" presented by Prof. Chang Zhu from Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium; "Fostering Creative Digital Pedagogy through the Innokas Network" presented by Laura Salo from the University of Helsinki; and "Examining Inclusive Blended Learning Environments: a Literature Review" presented by Marta Lucchetti from Vrije Universiteit Brussel.

MULTIPLIER EVENT OF THE E-TEACH PROJECT

BETI hosted the 2nd Multiplier Event of the e-Teach Project. Participants from 53 other organizations attended the Multiplier Event. The Multiplier Event, a pivotal element of the e-Teach Project, aimed to disseminate the innovative approaches and accomplishments in digital pedagogy achieved by the project. In this dynamic session, Greta Volodzkaitė from BETI (Baltic Educational Technology Institute) took the spotlight to showcase the various outcomes of the e-teach project, including the e-Teach Knowledge Paper, e-Teach Teacher's Guide, e-Teach OER Online Course, and e-Teach Certificate Training Program. A standout feature of the Multiplier Event was the engaging panel discussion, which encouraged a dynamic interchange of ideas between experts and participants. This fostered a collaborative environment crucial for educational innovation. The discussion spanned a wide array of topics, from utilizing AI in classrooms to establishing inclusive and accessible digital learning environments, showcasing the diverse focus of the e-Teach Project. The occasion additionally functioned as a forum for networking and cooperation. Attendees had the chance to interact with both speakers and colleagues, exploring potential collaborations and upcoming initiatives. This facet of the event highlighted the significance of community and collective endeavor in progressing the realm of digital education.

WHAT İS NEXT?

Final Project Conference in Brussels on 2 February, 2024

The final meeting and conference in Brussels will provide a platform for project partners to present findings, share insights, and discuss achievements and outcomes. Key topics include digital professional development of teachers, impact on partner institutions and wider audiences, and sustainability and future initiatives in digital education.

The event will feature interactive sessions, demonstrations, workshops, and collaborative discussions, fostering an environment of knowledge exchange and cooperation. Stakeholders and educators from various countries are anticipated to attend, creating a truly transnational gathering of experts, professionals, and learners in the digital education field.