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Objectives

OLCOS's objectives are to make available information and learning services that will foster and support the creation, sharing and re-use of open e-learning content in and among the European member states. In order to achieve a dynamic growth in open e-learning content, OLCOS will provide organisational and individual end-users with practical information required to create, share and re-use such interoperable content. In the realisation of these objectives, OLCOS will emphasize that Open Content besides employing appropriate licensing schemes is essentially about collaborative e-learning practices that add value to open e-learning content (for example, through use cases, best practices, and lessons learnt).

Target groups

The OLCOS information and learning support services will provide practical information, advice, and guidance for the following key target groups of end-users: Students, teachers, trainers and tutors, both as learners and promoters & mentors in the creation and use Open Content for a variety of learning settings and processes. The main environments where these target groups are, or will become, active are schools, pedagogical academies, pedagogical institutes (teacher training) and other vocational training centres, (e-)universities and other distance learning institutes.

Main activities: The main activities are

- to provide organisational and individual e-learning end-users in Europe with orientation, perspective, and useful recommendations in the form of a medium-term open content roadmap;
- to provide to the end-users easy, but intelligent access to practical information and support services in the creation, sharing, and re-using open e-learning content (tutorials, guidelines, best practices, and specimen of exemplary open e-learning content),
- to establish a larger group of committed experts throughout Europe who not only share their expertise with the project consortium, but also steer networking, workshops, and clustering efforts,
- to foster and support a community of practice in open e-learning content know-how and experiences.

Expected results and outputs:

- A European Open Digital Educational Content Roadmap
- A Web-based Knowledge Map offering interactive and user-friendly access to the information and learning services
- The opportunity to participate in a Community of Practice in open e-learning content and practices
- 4 Workshops and 1 major Conference

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