



# LEAP

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## LEAPing into Action

Last month, partners from Austria, Ireland, Portugal, Cyprus, Greece and the United Kingdom met for the inaugural meeting of LEAP - a three-year project that will transform the way e-portfolios are used to deliver vocational education and training.

Hosted by BEST Institut für berufsbezogene Weiterbildung und Personaltraining, partners spent two days exploring, imagining and planning how they will deliver a world class e-portfolio system.

Exponential Training Project Coordinator, John Moore said:

“Apprenticeship providers in the UK have been using e-portfolios for over a decade. Most of the systems focus on the meeting the qualification and funding requirements rather than the needs of learners. LEAP is being designed from the learner’s perspective with an emphasis on improving performance where it counts – in the workplace”.

Rather than designing LEAP to support only formal learning leading to qualifications, LEAP will also lend itself to use with non-formal learning and performance. During the kick-off meeting in Austria, IT, BEST Cybernetics, specialists presented the draft specification for LEAP platform.

The platform will make it easy for learners to reflect on learning and performance. The platform will include the use of open digital badges helping to motivate and incentivise learners. The integration of digital badges into LEAP also means learners will be able to share and display their achievements in their CV’s, social media and applications when applying for jobs and promotion.

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## LEAP and Digital Badges

Open badges or digital badges are verifiable, digital awards, issued to individuals for learning or displaying skills or knowledge, or successfully undertaking a specific task or activity. But what has this got to do with the Erasmus+ project LEAP?

### Learn, Engage, Apply and Perform

The focus of the LEAP Erasmus+ project is to improve learner motivation, learning and performance and central to this is the use of digital badges. A badge is an image with a range of 'built-in' information or metadata. This metadata is added to a badge by the issuing system, and includes details such as a description of the badge, the learning institute (e.g. Exponential Training) and the recipient of the badge (i.e. the learner), the criteria for earning the badge and what the badge represents.

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## LEAP is Taking Shape

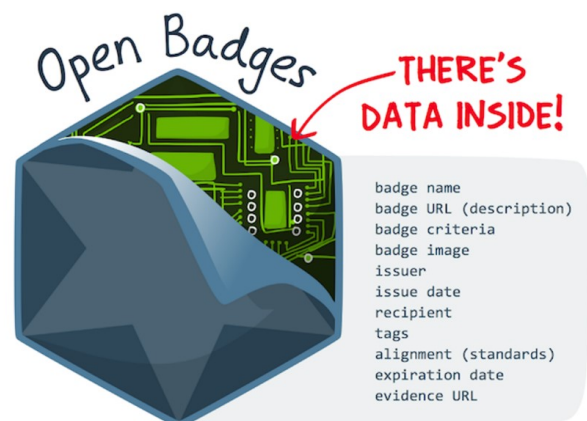
In the foothills of Mount Panachaikon, in the delightful town of Patras, the LEAP partners had their first sight of the new LEAP e-portfolio portal. "The LEAP portal looks to be user-friendly and easy to navigate" said Exponential Performance Coach, AnneMarie Daly.

### The LEAP Specification

The owners of the IT consultancy BEST Cybernetics Makis and Nicole Georgogianni showed the Erasmus+ partners the LEAP e-portfolio step-by step. Based on the wireframe diagrams developed earlier in the project, the BEST Cybernetics teams is turning the LEAP concept into a reality.

Once developed, partners will be able to upload their courses and add tutors, assessors and moderators who will use LEAP with their learners and students. Using the LEAP tools, assessors and tutors will be able to support learners through their courses once they are registered.

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