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LEAP - Part of a Digital Revolution

Last month, the LEAP partners saw the prototype -Learn Engage Apply and Perform e-portfolio - or LEAP for short - for the first time. Within minutes of being issued with log-in details, Exponential Training team members were exploring and using LEAP.

The First LEAP Courses

Now that the structure of LEAP has been developed, the next task for the six-strong LEAP project partnership is to design and upload the courses and units onto the LEAP portal ready for learners.

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Recruitment of learners for LEAP pilot

Digital technology does not only have a major impact on the way we work, it is also a critical resource of efficient teaching and learning. Despite this, Europe is lagging behind in the use of the Internet in the training and education sector when it comes to ePortfolios.

Thus, the project LEAP ("Learn, Engage, Apply and Perform") aims to create a turnaround in the use of ePortfolios in order to foster the communication process between learners and assessors.

After months of intensive developing work, the LEAP platform and ePortfolio are ready for testing.

Since beginning of the project in September 2017, the consortium partners from Austria, Ireland, Portugal, Cyprus, Greece and the United Kingdom have put a lot of effort into the development of the LEAP ePortfolio specifications. Features, functioning and aesthetics of the LEAP ePortfolio like the user registration, VET course management and administration, or the use of reporting tools have been discussed.

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LEAPing for Joy!

Since the launch of its new LEAP in December 2018, Exponential Training has registered just under 100 learners onto its Chartered Management Institute qualifications. The feedback is very good and with more improvements and developments in the pipeline, Exponential's Managing Director, John Moore, could not be happier.

Transforming VET Assessment

"I am delighted with the early feedback about LEAP. We now have fourteen different qualifications using the platform with around 100 learners. When we developed the LEAP concept our aim was to make learning and completing a professional qualification an enjoyable and as pain-free an experience as possible. LEAP is starting to deliver on this aspiration already!"

LEAP stands for 'LEARN, ENGAGE, APPLY and PERFORM'. The platform enables the learner, their assessor and the moderator to upload and share files, to communicate and obtain feedback and to mark and assess assignments. LEAP automatically notifies learners and assessors when they have new files and feedback as well as notifying them of the outcome of assessments and moderation

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The Austrian courses on LEAP

BEST Institut für berufsbezogene Weiterbildung und Personaltraining GmbH piloted the LEAP platform (app.eleap.eu) within the project/ course "New Spirit – kompetent in den Job" ("New Spirit – competent into the job"). The project is funded by the Public Employment Service Austria and conducted by BEST in Vienna.

The course aims to integrate unemployed young adults (between 21-25 years) into the labour market. Their integration has been proven to be difficult so far and thus the learners need targeted support. By acquiring or strengthening basic skills in the area of IT and digitalisation, jobseekers are supported integratively and actively in their application and job search activities. Thus, the chances of early integration into the labour market can be significantly increased. To Find out more about LEAP, go to the LEAP website at:

> <u>http://e-leap.eu/</u> <u>index.php</u>

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