Open ICT Education for Youth Employability

Open ICT education for youth employability is a cross-border EU financed project.

The project targets the importance of the acquisition of high-value ICT skills by young people in the Albania and Kosovo region, and the importance of making this knowledge accessible to everyone by removing barriers to entry in ever more professional and educational fields.

"Open ICT education for youth employability" created the first online, independent learning platform in the Albanian language.

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The platform contains **3** *Online ICT courses in Albanian language*

During the implementation period we have hired and trained 14 Tech Leads (2 for each schools) to assist them 2 hours a week each on the labs.

We have created a community on Slack where students can ask questions to the staff, tech leads and each other and also share their work.

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- **500** *Participants*

- **3** *Online ICT courses in Albanian language*

- **7** *Specialized learning centers benefitting from the action*

- A total of 28 computers have been delivered to the targeted beneficiary areas

- The Platform has now 668 active registered users

- 355 of the users (53%) are female

- A Bootcamp will be held in December

- Implementation period: January 2018 – February 2020

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Lesson Learned

- While are writing the Project Proposal visit directly the rural schools, to understand better their infrastructural needs.

- Issue certificates.

- Minimize the communication with high institutions as the Ministry of Education in Albania (bureaucratic and to long)

- VAT is not refundable in Albania.

- If you have to buy equipment and materials (PC in our case) divide the budget prior for each country, the custom procedures are to long and expensive.

- Don't forget that Exchange Rate can change a lot during the project implementation.

Lesson Learned

- If you are working with rural areas do engage schools and local teachers as much as u can.

- Add more quizes and task to keep students engaged

- Ask for Students suggestions and contribution so you can understand better their needs and ideas

- Don't expect everyone to know how to use the digital learning platform. Some of the students will hear most of the things for the first time. Allow them to play with the platform tools at the beginning.

Lesson Learned

- Establish an Online Channel to communicate. We are using Slack.

- Interact as much as you can, on- and off-line with students.

- Collect Impact data and use it on the further deployments.

- And a personal statement:

Students from rural areas who have had fewer possibilities and options are more eager to benefit from the project and the given opportunity.

Course #1:
Practical Web Application Development

Instructor:
Feride Adili

This course is designed to establish the fundamentals of coding.
It teaches planning and implementation of basic web applications, which include essential Front-end technologies like: HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, Javascript, and lastly but not leastly, Jquery.

The course #1 contains **79 videos** that are categorized into **7 chapters**, resulting in **7 hours** of video content.

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Course #2:
Database Design, Analysis, and Web Integration

Instructor:
Blerina Berisha

This course will cover the essentials of Database Design, Analysis, and Web Integration. The goal is to help develop capabilities in database management, a very sought after skill in the ICT market.

The course #2 contains **75 videos** that are categorized into **7 chapters**, resulting in **7 hours** of video content.

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Course #3:
Scalable Software Product Deployment

Instructor:
Adelina Basholli

This course is dedicated to prepare students on a professional level, with the concepts, methods and opportunities of the scalabilty/expansion of a particular system architecture. At the same time, students will develop skills to design, configure and build a proper scalable software.

The course #3 contains **106 videos** (98 lectures + 8 quizzes) that are categorized into **8 chapters**, resulting in **7 hours** of video content.

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