Agenda

Europe Regional Consultation on OER

Date: **February 23-24, 2017**

Venue: **The Grand Hotel Excelsior, Valletta, Malta**

Theme
OER for inclusive and equitable quality education: from commitment to action.

Objectives
1. Review the progress of OER since the World OER Congress 2012;
2. Identify strategies for mainstreaming OER;
3. Agree on action points that can be presented at the 2nd World OER Congress;
4. Showcase innovative and promising practices in OER policies and initiatives in the region.

Expected Outcome
Strategies, examples and models available for mainstreaming OER in support of achieving SDG4.

This Regional Consultation will be held in the format of a workshop.

February 22, 2017

Time	Session
14:00 onwards	Arrival and hotel check-in
18:00 – 22:00	Cultural Tour (Optional)

Day 1 - February 23, 2017

Time	Session
08:30 – 09:00	Workshop Registration
09.00 – 10.00	Workshop Inauguration • Welcome by Dr Alex Grech, Executive Director, Commonwealth Centre for Connected Learning (CCCL) • Remarks by Dr Indrajit Banerjee, Director, Information Societies Division, Communication and Information Sector, UNESCO (10 min) • Remarks by Professor Asha Kanwar, President & CEO, COL (10 min) • Keynote Address by the Hon. Dr Maja Makovec Brenčič, Minister for Education, Science and Sport, Slovenia (15 min) • Inaugural Address by the Hon. Professor Evarist Bartolo, Minister, MEDE, Malta (15 min)
10:00 – 10.30	*Group photo and Coffee/Tea Break*
10.30 – 11.00	Plenary Overview of the Regional Consultations, Emerging Issues and Recommendations by Professor Asha Kanwar Q&A
11:00 – 11:40	Plenary Overview: *Observations and reflections on an OER decade in Europe regarding OER adoption by governments* by Professor Fred Mulder, Emeritus UNESCO Chair in OER, Open University of the Netherlands Q&A
11.40 – 12:20	Plenary Discussion on Open Licenses led by Mr Alek Tarkowski, Creative Commons, Poland
12:20 – 13.00	Plenary Discussion on Language Use and OER led by Dr Andreia Inamorato dos Santos, European Commission
13.00 – 14.00	*Lunch*
14:00 – 15:30	Exploring National OER Practices viz SDG4 - Group work to discuss OER initiatives and best practices in different countries and reporting to the plenary. Group discussion for 40 minutes followed by presentation of 10 minutes each (5 groups).
15:30 – 16:00	*Coffee/Tea Break*
16:00 – 16:30	Plenary Panel on Strategies for Mainstreaming OER Mr Joe Hironaka, UNESCO (Moderator), Dr Ulf-Daniel Ehlers, Baden-Wurttemberg Cooperative State University, Professor Robert Schuwer, Fontys University of Applied Sciences
16:30 – 17:45	Break into groups to discuss key challenges to mainstreaming OER 1. Capacity of users to access, re-use, and share OER (Facilitator: Professor Fred Mulder) 2. Language and cultural barriers (Facilitator: Professor Mitja Jermol) 3. Ensuring inclusive and equitable access to quality content (Facilitator: Dr Gard Titlestad)

	4. Changing business models (Facilitator: Mr Alek Tarkowski)
	5. Development of appropriate policy solutions (Facilitator: Dr Andreia Inamorato dos Santos)
	Propose concrete potential solutions. Group discussion for 50 minutes followed by presentation of 10 minutes each.
19:00 – 22:00	*Dinner hosted by MEDE, Malta at Casino Maltese*

Day 2 - February 24, 2017

Time	Session
08:30 – 9:15	The 2nd World OER Congress Plenary presentation by UNESCO Representative Overview of the 2nd World OER Congress and its Objectives by Dr Gašper Hrastelj, Deputy Secretary General, Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO Plenary discussion on key issues to prepare inputs into the 2nd World OER Congress.
09:15 – 09:45	Completion of surveys
09:45 – 10:15	*Tea/Coffee Break*
10:15 – 12:15	*Identifying Concrete Action -* Working Groups: Generation of Europe inputs into the 2nd World OER Congress. Break into groups as agreed to address challenges and solutions and to prepare inputs on strategies for mainstreaming OER into planning of the 2nd World OER Congress. Prepare working group presentations.
12:15 – 13:30	*Lunch*
13:30 – 15:30	Europe Regional Inputs into 2nd World OER Congress (Continued) Working groups present proposed Europe inputs into 2nd World OER Congress. Plenary feedback and finalisation of Regional inputs. Forming an informal, regional network including other "Open" stakeholders.
15:30 – 16:00	*Tea/Coffee Break*
16:00 – 17:00	Closing and Final Session Chair: Mr. Joseph Caruana, Permanent Secretary, MEDE, Malta • Remarks by UNESCO Representative • Remarks by Slovenia Representative • Special address on linking OER and SDG4 by the Hon. Gordana Predić, State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia

	• Special address on linking OER and SDG4 by the Hon. Oľga Nachtmannová, State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic • Way forward by Professor Asha Kanwar, President & CEO, COL • Words of Thanks by MEDE, Malta
19:00 – 22:00	*Dinner hosted by COL at Tal-Petut Restaurant*