Re.ViCa

Reviewing (traces of) European Virtual Campuses

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Fostering collaboration in eLearning

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"Reviewing [traces of)] European Virtual Campuses"

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A note on timescales... "just right" by accident

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Reviewing Virtual Campuses

" *Re.ViCa makes a review of virtual campuses all over Europe and disseminates its results in Europe. By comparing European and non-European initiatives, guidelines and success-factors are created to enable institutions to set up a Virtual Campus to maximise their performance* "

Partnership

Katholieke Universiteit Leuven – AVNet (BE)

EuroPACE ivzw (BE)

FernUniversität in Hagen (DE)

Helsinki University of Technology - TKK Dipoli (FI)

Université Louis Pasteur (FR)

University of West Hungary - College of Geoinformatics (HU)

International Telematic University UNINETTUNO (IT)
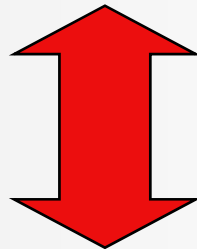
ATiT (BE) – Sally Reynolds etc

Matic Media Ltd (UK) – Paul Bacsich etc

What is a Virtual Campus Nowadays?

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Past: clear boundaries

Registration, administration, course provision, tutoring, examination, creditation

traditional university
on-campus

virtual university
online, distance…

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Present: Major E-Learning Initiatives

Requires at least 1% of the institutional budget

Affects or will affect at least 10% of students

Is led by a person with rank a senior professor

Has a section of the institution to manage and deliver it

Has a Steering Group chaired by a senior manager

Is part of the institution's business plan, not just grants

Is guided by up to date strategy, planning and operational documents (including costs and benefits)

Has a channel to the head of the institution

Ensures that the head of the institution can discuss it with other heads

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Re.ViCa - activities

Research and definition of new "MELI" concept

- Non-exhaustive, best and failed cases, current and past
- In-depth
- Inside information

Comparison with non-European examples

- Define their critical success factors

International Advisory Committee of experts to review and improve – e.g. Tony Bates

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Based on previous examples and research from EU programmes etc

+ Other initiatives from the

partners and from others identified during the research, European and global, ceased and successful ones …

Re.ViCa - outputs

Inventory of Virtual Campuses - **Gazetteer**

Taxonomy

Three key meetings with International Advisory Committee

Website (wiki) – the heart of the project – including 26 OECD-style country "pen-pictures"

Virtual Campus Manual with guidelines, best-practice, recommendations – and **Critical Success Factors**

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Early thoughts

Failures (absolute and relative) continue

National programmes are ending

No clear case to government for research

Turning failure into success: a clue in Canada?

Critical Success Factors can be regarded as a <u>subset</u> of benchmarking/quality criteria oriented to "step-change"

Private HE sector may be a key to innovation?

How could we **_<u>all</u>_** take forward the wiki?

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