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EQIBELT CONSORTIUM
2nd COORDINATION MEETING

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University Computing Centre – SRCE
Thursday, February 1, 2007

AGENDA

Thursday, February 1, University Computing Centre (SRCE), Hall E	
10:00 - 11:15	*Evaluation of the project progress, highlights, problems, personal experience*
	Overall overview of the planned outcomes and activities – Zoran Bekić Progress report of University of Zagreb – Zoran Bekić Progress report of University of Rijeka – Marta Žuvić-Butorac Progress report of University of Dubrovnik – Lucijana Leoni Contractor's and Project Partners' views on project and project progress Discussion
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:15	*Financial aspects of the project & project budget*
	Project financial overview – Peter Gabko Preparation of the financial documentation – Peter Gabko Discussion
12:15 – 12:30	*Preparations for second project report to EC*
	Information about the preparation of the report – Peter Gabko
12:30 – 13:45	Lunch
13:45 – 15:45	*Future activity plan and other organizational issues*
	Activity plan and time table for the next period – Zoran Bekić • Study visits to be done (one defined, two more undefined) • Future workshops • Development of e-learning support centers and e-learning courses • Discussion **Financial plan – Peter Gabko** • Discussion **Extension of the project?** **Other issues** Discussion

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PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

PROJECT CONSORTIUM

HR

- University of Dubrovnik
- University of Rijeka
- **University of Zagreb**
  University Computing Centre

- Ministry of Science, Education and Sports
- Croatian Academic and Research Network CARNet

EU

- Estonian Information Technology Foundation - Estonian E-University
- Helsinki University of Technology - Dipoli Institute
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Leuven
- University of Porto
- University of Vienna
- Valencia University of Technology
- **Vienna University of Technology**

EXTERNAL EXPERTS

- ❖ **Professor Tapio Varis, University of Tampere, Finland**
- ❖ **Simon Atkinskon, University of Hull, UK**
- ❖ **Dr Boris Škvorc, The Macquire University, Australia**
- ❖ **Dr Tony Bates, Tony Bates Associates Ltd., Canada & Open University of Catalonia, Spain**

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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

(1) To develop and to agree on general, organizational (**policy**) and technical (**standards**) frameworks for implementation and using of e-learning at Croatian universities

(2) To shape and establish **e-learning support centers** at Croatian universities (members of the project consortium), as well as network of experts to foster and facilitate e-learning projects

(3) To demonstrate appropriate usage of e-learning technology (by conducting **pilot projects**) and to **promote e-learning**, as powerful tool for improvement of university education

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EXPECTED RESULTS (1)
(OUTPUTS & OUTCOMES)

❖ **Policy & standards**

 ◆ University **vision** (declaration) on e-learning (why we want e-learning and what we want to achieve)

 ◆ University **policy** on e-learning (long term motivation and goals for implementation of e-learning, organization of support, level of support, evaluation and valorization procedures, sustainability of "e-learning system" /especially continuous "support lines"/, reliability of "e-learning infrastructure", …)

 ◆ **Implementation plan** for e-learning deployment, including business plans (models) for e-learning support centers

 ◆ Technical framework – set of **standards, rules and guidelines** for university e-learning projects

EXPECTED RESULTS (2)
(OUTPUTS & OUTCOMES)

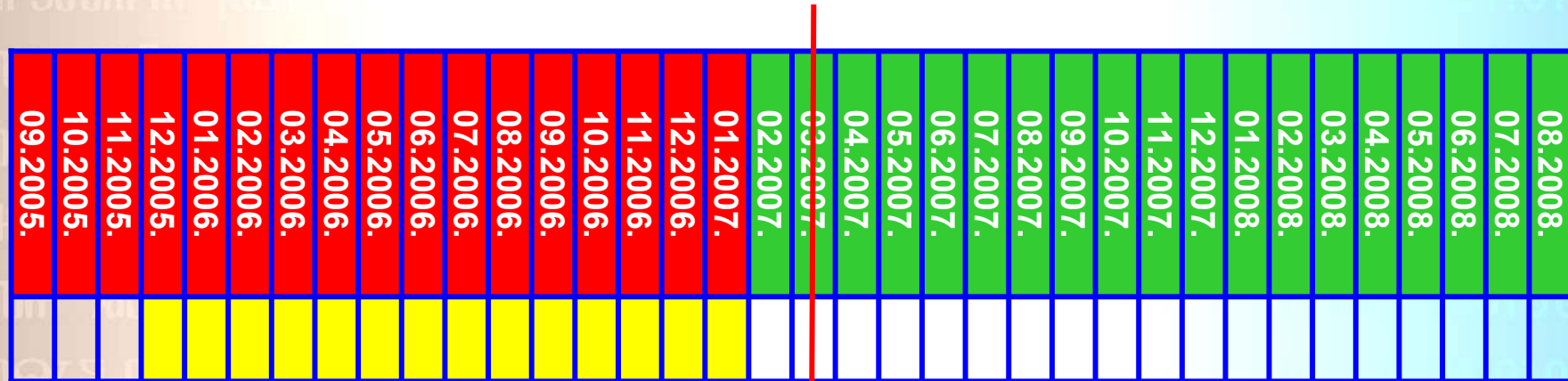❖ **E-learning support centers**

- ◆ Full-time staff trained in the area of management and implementation of e-learning
- ◆ Technically equipped locations for e-learning support centers
- ◆ Clear business and sustainability models
- ◆ Publicly available list of services, terms of use and service level agreements of e-learning support centers

❖ **Pilot project**

- ◆ 3-4 pilot projects accepted and fully supported by the EQIBELT project
- ◆ Support to ongoing e-learning projects

Where we are (in time)?

09.2005. 10.2005. 11.2005. 12.2005. 01.2006. 02.2006. 03.2006. 04.2006. 05.2006. 06.2006. 07.2006. 08.2006. 09.2006. 10.2006. 11.2006. 12.2006. 01.2007. 02.2007. 03.2007. 04.2007. 05.2007. 06.2007. 07.2007. 08.2007. 09.2007. 10.2007. 11.2007. 12.2007. 01.2008. 02.2008. 03.2008. 04.2008. 05.2008. 06.2008. 07.2008. 08.2008.

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1st Coordination Meeting
December 9-10, 2005

2nd Coordination Meeting
February 1, 2007

13,5 months

17 months

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Site / study visits

HOST UNIVERSITY	Date	Visit	Report	Web
University of Leuven	Feb 06	☑	☑	☑
Valencia University of Technology	May 06	☑	☑	☑
Estonian E-University	Sep 06	☑		☑
Helsinki University of Technology	Sep 06	☑		☑
University of Porto	Oct 06	☑	☑	☑
University of Vienna	Nov 06	☑		☑
Vienna University of Technology	Nov 06	☑	✓	☑
University of Edinburgh	Apr 07			
TBD (Support Centers Teams)				
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Workshops

TITLE / TOPIC	Date	Report	Web
1st Policy Workshop on Creating University E-Learning Vision and Strategy T.Bates & 4 EU & 7 CRO Lecturers 50+ Participants	**March 3-5, 2006**	☑ EN ☑ HR	☑
2nd Policy Workshop on E-Learning Standards 3 EU & 2 CRO Lecturers 40+ Participants	**June 22-23, 2006**	☑ EN ☑ HR	☑
1st Workshop on E-Learning Support Centers 3 EU & 1 CRO Lecturers 45+ Participants	**June 20-21, 2006**	☑ EN ☑ HR	☑

Lectures and Panels

LECTURER / TOPIC	Date	Web strm.	Web
Dr. Tony Bates E-learning: Why Strategic Planning is Essential for Success	March 2, 2006	☑	☑
Professor Tapio Varis E-learning goes social - policy becomes e-inclusive	June 20, 2006	☑	☑
Professor Erik Duval Global Open Learning	June 19, 2006	☑	-
Panel Discussion: E-Learning and Advancement of Higher Education	January 31, 2007	☑	☑

Promotion and Dissemination

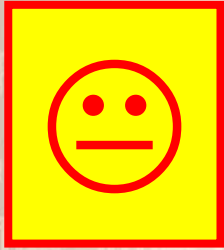|	
3 issues of project Newsletter ("E-UČENJE/E-LEARNING") **#1 (11/2005), #2 (04/2006), #3 (11/2006) - circulation:3000**	☑
EQIBELT Workshops 2006 - Proceedings	✓
PR & Press events	☑
EQIBELT WEB SITE (http://eqibelt.srce.hr) ≈29.000+ visits	☑
EQIBELT @ http://www.elearningeuropa.info/	☑

Strategic Documents

	DUBROVNIK	RIJEKA	ZAGREB
Appointment of vision/strategy team	☑	☑	✓
Policy workshops #1 -vision & strategy	☑	☑	☑
Draft of vision / strategy	?	☑	+
Public presentation / discussion of vision/strategy proposal	?	☑	☹
Expert review	?	☑	☹
Vision/strategy approved by Senate	?	☑	☹
Task force for standards appointed	?	?	☹
Policy workshops #2 -standards & reccom.	☑	☑	☑
Univ.standards on e-learning approved	☹	☹	☹

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E-Learning Support Centers

	DUBROVNIK	RIJEKA	ZAGREB
Support centers workshop #1	☑	☑	☑
Task Force appointed by rector/senate	?	?	☑
E-Learning support center established	? ☹	? ☹	✔ ☺
Human resources allocated	? ☹	? ☹	✔ ☹
Financial resources allocated	? ☹	? ☹	✔ ☺
Operational procedures and SLA defined	?	?	☹
Staff trained and ready for operations	? ☹	? ☹	☹

Pilot projects
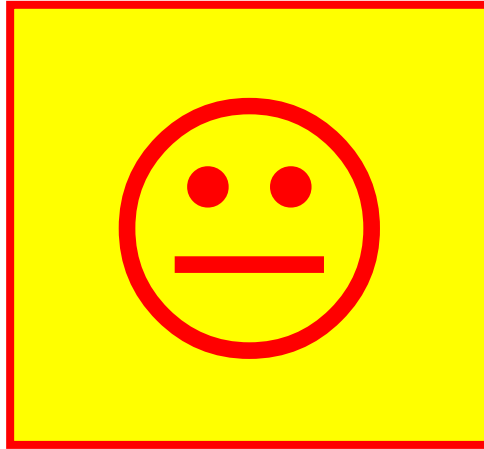
Project Management

- ☑ **2 consortium coordination meetings (Dec 05 & Feb 07)**
- ☑ **1 inter-university meeting (Jan 06)**
- ☑ **ETF workshop for contractors & coordinators (Dev 05)**
- ☑ **1st report to EC (TUW & UniZG)**
- ☑ **purchase of equipment for project management (UniZG)**
- ☑ **purchase equipment for e-learning centers (UniRI)**
- ☑ **purchase of literature on e-learning (UniZG)**
- ☑ **financial & organizational issues TUW <-> partners**
- ☹ **survey - usage of e-learning @ HR universities**

OVERALL PROJECT STATUS AND ACHIVEMENTS

☺ **a series of high-quality knowledge transfer & experience / knowledge exchange events with 40-50+ participants**

☺ **good knowledge flow EU > CRO (study visits)**

☺ **good promotion of e-learning and dissemination of information on e-learning and EQIBELT project**

☺ **support from university managements**

☹ **strategic documents still under development (RI ☺)**

☹ **support centers nor defined /not operational yet**

☹ **no real new resources allocated to support centers**

☹ **staff not trained for e-learning support ⇔ training in CARNet's ELA program canceled by EC**

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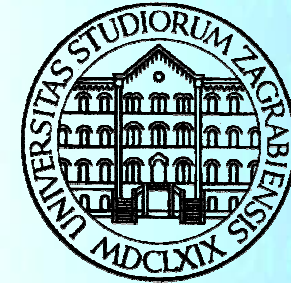
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❖ ☜ … **overall project successes and failings**

☹ **(too) long period of university management reelection**

☺ **continuous "political" support of university management**

☺ **raised awareness on opportunities of e-learning at most of faculties**

☺ **vision/strategy team (committee) will be appointed at February Senate session and plan is to propose strategy to Senate until May / June**

☺ **e-learning (support) center with status of university central office will be formally established by Senate in February; Sandra Kučina & 1-2 additional FTE (re-allocation of Srce resources); first steps: establishment of Moodle LMS and organizing support for it ; establishing university network of e-learning support teams and "fans", active and "pushing" participation in creation of e-learning vision & strategy**

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