



Digital edition. Apprenticeship and Network

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Project Information

Title: Digital edition. Apprenticeship and Network
 Project Number: 2008-1-ES1-LEO04-00119
 Year: 2008
 Project Type: Partnerships
 Status: running
 Country: ES-Spain
 Marketing Text: The main goal of the project is to design and test an educative network based upon two main principles: the cooperative learning network and learning by doing methodology with the support of ICT tools.

When we defined the objective of our project to be the creation of a digital library what we meant to do is to learn how a digital library works, how we shall use it and how to learn to do it. It's the process itself which is of our complete interest. In fact we're not much concerned on whether the Digital Library should be wide or competitive. What really concerns us is to achieve self-confidence and reliance on our own path to achieve knowledge. So the pace should be firm and led by the pedagogical principle of learning to walk on our own feet and to speak on our minds. Knowledge is the way to freedom and mutual cooperation.

Summary: DEAN, Digital Edition and Apprenticeship Network, is an European Union LLP-LdV funded project which aims to create cooperative learning network in order to build up a digital library with the help of ICT tools. In the project, a digital book database was developed for use as support to learn by doing and network training. The cooperative learning network was shaped into the structure of an apprenticeship networking: 3 initial nodes were created at the beginning and called Dean Group (Spain, Greece and Turkey). Dean group will have other nodes connected to it. These were called associated nodes. Dean group achieved to form associated nodes. Each associated node had a coordinator and one monitor. As a result a collection of digitised books from several areas of the education field :theoretical and philosophical issues, methodologies, techniques, European policies, biology, cooking, Literature, literature for Youth, etc,added to other digitised books taken from existing digital libraries and collected by the associated nodes. The trend of the project towards the digital library drew the bigger efforts and interest of the participants and have biased them against the cooperative learning network. The creation of a digital library through the cooperative learning network fostered independence and empowerment on the part of the teacher, learner and citizen.

Description: DEAN Partnership is made up of three main nodes: Aldesoc, Madrid, Spain; Union of Scientists and informatics of Viotia, Levadia, Greece; and Dokuz Eylul University, Izmir. Turkey. And the following associated nodes: In Spain, IES Avda de los Toreros and IES Marques de Suanzes; In Greece, 4º Gymnasium Levadia and a school from Estonia; In Turkey A group of university students from Izmir and two groups of students lead by two young teachers Simge Akpullukçu and Efe Glüçüer

In addition we got likely in touch with two nodes in Colombia: IES Sta Isabel de Hungría and Proyecto Poeta both located in Cali-Colombia and sponsored by a non-profit institution called Carvajal Foundation. Unfortunately it was not possible to advance in the integration of these nodes into Dean project but I hope in the near future extra-communitarian initiatives could be integrated in European projects as Leonardo makes that possible.

After the structure of the international network was settled we suggested to create an intangible product as subject of the project which might be aware of the importance of knowledge (basic element of the new society), the use of the new information technologies, and a reflection on the effect social impact on this activity will exert on the foundation of the emerging new society. In our case the intangible product proposed was to build a pilot digital library.

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Firstly by adopting learning by doing notion we remark the fact that if defining an objective on one hand and obtaining a product on the other hand, it would increase the interest and motivation of the apprentices whereas they perceive the purpose of their effort besides they discover how to learn to integrate practice into theory within knowledge foundation

Secondly by adopting learning cooperatively notion, we may notice how apprenticeship can be highly stressed when working in groups, in teams, whether each one helps the other to do his work, and how the collaboration in a friendly atmosphere can be more effective than competition which means struggle and isolation.

We applied these notions mentioned above when the proposal of a pilot digital library was set out by answering to the following queries:

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In addition to allow the educative cooperation at local and international levels we ought to know the techniques for the settlement of digital communication networks as well as the computing devices (hardware and software) needed to run the project. Besides English language study was emphasized among the apprentices as a need of project's common language of communication .

- Themes: *** Utilization and distribution of results
 *** Quality
 *** Intercultural learning
 *** ICT
 *** Lifelong learning
 *** Social dialog
 *** Equal opportunities
 *** Language training
 *** Continuous training
 *** Initial training
 ** Labor market
 ** Access for disadvantaged
- Sectors: *** Professional, Scientific and Technical Activities
 *** Information and Communication
 *** Education
 ** Other Service Activities

Product Types: others
 website

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Our experience has shown to us how by joining both educative cooperative network structure and "learning by doing" methodology the trainees have acquired skills and abilities which have boosted their way of approaching knowledge and with self-confidence and courage they've shown they could be the owners of what they've learnt.

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Project Files

dean_presentacion_digital library_madrid2010.pdf

http://www.adam-europe.eu/prj/6283/prj/dean_presentacion_digital%20library_madrid2010.pdf

It contains the definition and content of Dean's Digital Library

Products

- 1 Dean Digital Library
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Product Type: website

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Target group: The target group was the Scholar community on its whole including staff board, parents association, educational officials, non formal and informal trainers and trainees, high schools, vocational training apprentices, public

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Product 'Dean Digital Library'

Area of application: Education, information and communication, professional and technical computing field, digital libraries, disadvantaged learning groups, open and long distance learning, computing techniques

Homepage: http://www.deanproject.eu/digital_library/index.html

Product Languages: Turkish
Spanish
English
Greek

Product 'Dean's Digital Library'

Title: Dean's Digital Library

Product Type: others

Marketing Text: Dean's tangible product is the digital library whose results are foreseen to be the full use of the digital library. Consultation on-line by staff and learners; wider use of electronic edition; new tools for learning process; learning skills for future needs; transfer of knowledge and development of cooperative actions.

Description: We would like to stress on the fact that Dean's digital library is a tool for dissemination of knowledge. What's really attractive in this project is the fact of deepening on the use of learning by doing methodology supported on the cooperative learning network in order to create a digital library for our community use; the sense of empowerment, self-respect and autonomy on the side of the learner; the challenge to learn to build up digital libraries not merely focused on a superficial aspect of ability to learn but on the deep structures of the process and ability to do.

Target group: The Dean's digital library is targeted to the educational community extended to public interested in Education issues and also to a wide public.

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