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BAEKTEL - an OER network

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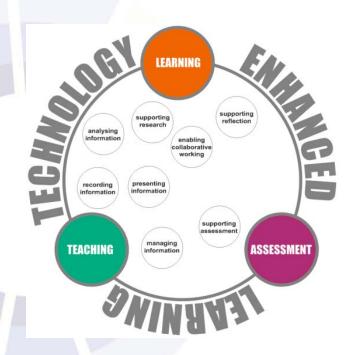
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Overview

- Technology enhanced learning
- Open educational resources(OER)
- OER in Serbia
- Tempus project BAEKTEL goals
- Publishing OER content in edX
- Finding OER content with ResourceSpace
- Conclusions

Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL)

- Different educational activities in which ICT play an important supporting role
- Enhancing the quality of learning and learning results using modern e-Learning technology
- Design of efficient interactive TEL environments is a demanding task



Open Educational Resources (OER)

- Open Educational Resources
- Educational content, research materials, best practice examples
- Freely accessible in electronic format
- Published under licenses that allow for their free use, reuse and distribution
- Targeted for students and self-learners

Advantages of OER content



- High level of accessibility of learning materials
- Continuous and easy modification of content once it has been created
- Reduction of learning costs
- Convenient for creation of content for people with special needs
- Promote institutions and individuals who publish them

OER in Serbia

- Not yet recognized in official documents
- Awareness of the importance of OER, opportunities they offer, methods of development and implementation, and the use thereof needs to be raised
- Existing regulations open the possibilities for the development of OER but need further improvement at the national and institutional level in compliance with OER regulations in Europe

Information Society Development Strategy in Serbia up to 2020

- Adopted by the Government of Serbia in 2010
- Fosters application of information technology in education
- Emphasizes the development of digital educational content as one of the main goals to be achieved
- Refers to the introduction of modern concepts of e-learning and open distance learning

Education Development Strategy in Serbia up to 2020

- Adopted by the Government of Serbia in 2012
- Criticizes traditional tendencies of the education system for independence from other systems and promotes its openness
- Specifically targets openness and accessibility of higher education
- Provides opportunities for legal regulations for the realization of ideas related to OER

The Law on Higher Education in Serbia

- Declares openness of higher education towards all citizens and general public as one of its main principles
- Complies with the European system of higher education specifically promoting academic mobility of faculty and students
- Provides a starting point for the development and implementation of OER through alignment with successful European practices and academic mobility

Initial activities towards OER

- In 2005 Wikimedia Serbia was founded with the aim to allow free exchange of knowledge and participation in gathering educational content
- Within Wikimedia Serbia the Creative Commons Serbia project was launched and national CC standards were adopted in 2007
- Khan Academy Serbia has started the translation of Khan Academy instructional videos in 2013, mainly on mathematics, but also from other fields, but the project is now stalled
- In 2013 the Balkan Distance Education Network (BADEN) became the Epprobate (first international quality label for eLearning courseware) national partner for WB region
- In March 2014 University of Belgrade library Svetozar Markovic organized a seminar of open access to education, open education and massive open online courses
- By the end of 2014 University of Belgrade Center for eLearning and distance education was stablished

TEL at the University of Belgrade

- Several faculties at the University of Belgrade already use Moodle open source software for blended learning
- University of Belgrade Center for e-Leaning and Distance Education was established in 2014
- Main goals:
 - Development of a quality assurance system for university distance learning study programs
 - Development of competency standards needed for educators in the domain of educational technology

Centar za

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- Creation of national and international development programs for distance learning and related projects
- Development of distance learning programs for persons with special needs
- Development of electronic textbooks
- The services of the Center can be used by other educational institutions and business enterprises

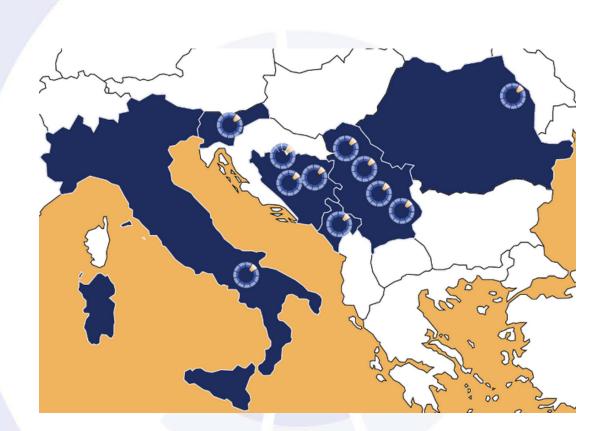
Tempus project BAEKTEL – main goals

- Blending Academic and Entrepreneurial Knowledge in Technology Enhanced Learning (<u>http://baektel.eu/</u>)
- Development of a TEL environment for creating publishing and searching OER content by academic and entrepreneurial organizations in different formats and different languages
- Universities create educational content intended for lifelong learning of employees within enterprises
- Enterprises create best practice examples intended for enhancing the academic education of students
- Enable search of available content described by metadata



BAEKTEL consortium

- Six Western Balkans universities: Belgrade, Kragujevac, Niš (RS), Banja Luka, Tuzla (BH), Mediterranean (MN)
- Three EU Universities: Basilicata (IT), Iasi (RO), Ljubljana (SLO)
- Two large companies operating in the region: NIS -Gasprom Njeft (RS), ArcelorMittal Prijedor (BH)



Publishing of OER content

edX- open access platform for publishing OER (<u>http://edx.baektel.eu</u>)



OER content in edX



Advantages of edX platform

- Easy creation and modification of lessons, videos, tasks, texts....
- Combining of different components in one lesson
- Wide range of tasks in different formats
- Detailed description of learning materials
- Monitoring of student progress



Searching OER content

 ResourceSpace – open source software for managing digital content (http://meta.baektel.eu)



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Simple search Search using descriptions, keywords and resource numbers All resources

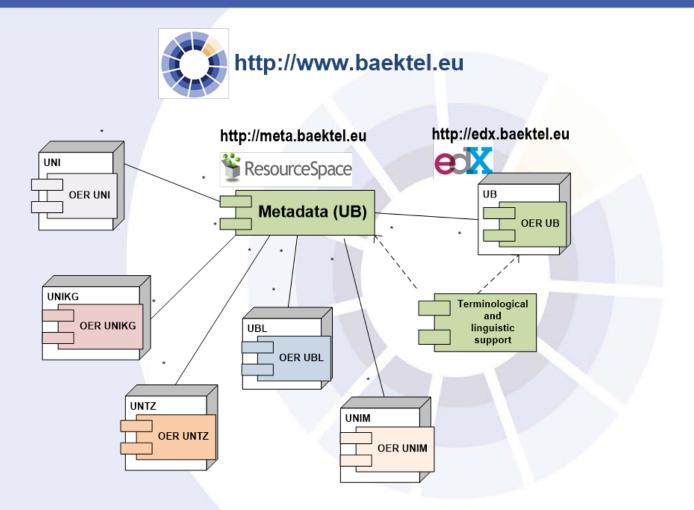


ResourceSpace characteristics

- Intelligent search ranking of resources by each keyword used in the search
- Possibility of grouping resources
- Distribution of access rights according to user groups
- Multilingualism interface exists in several key languages
- Flexible metadata scheme



Conceptual map of BAEKTEL network



Metadata



- "Data describing other data" or "data about data"
- If OER are perceived as data then their descriptions are metadata
- Metadata for OER facilitate their search, acquisition, use and reuse
- Typical OER metadata are: title, author(s), version, date of creation, technical requirements and educational context, goal,...

Metadata example



No.	Proposed Elements	Vocabulary	Mandatory/ Optional	Cardinality
1	Title	-	Mandatory	Not-Repeatable
2	Creator	_	Mandatory	Repeatable
3	Description	-	Optional	Repeatable
4	Language	Vocabulary (eng, rus,srb)	Mandatory	Repeatable
5	Date	_	Mandatory	Not-Repeatable
6	Format-	Vocabulary (Electronic Document, Paper only, Document, Slides, Website, CD-Rom/DVD, Audio, Video)	Mandatory	Repeatable
7	Interactivity Level	Vocabulary (very low, low, medium, high, very high)	Optional	Not- Repeatable
8	Context	Vocabulary (School, Higher Education, Training, other)	Optional	Repeatable
9	Intended End User Role	Vocabulary (Learner, Teacher, Manager, Supervisor)	Optional	Repeatable

Conclusions

- TEL opens new possibilities for enhancing higher education through implementation and promotion of e-learning platforms as well as OER
- In Serbia OER recognition and development is still in its initial phase
- University of Belgrade recognized the importance of introducing new technologies into HE and established its Center for e-Leaning and Distance Education for their systemic implementation
- The BAEKTEL project is expected to contribute to the enhancement of the quality of HE by publishing OER in cooperation with interested companies







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