

Report from the test of OER web portal

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Introduction

Usability, accessibility and functionality of the OER web portal was evaluated and discussed among project partners and participants (community workers) at the final project conference in May 2019. In general, discussants positively assessed OER web portal, but several suggestions regarding future development of this portal were given.

Main suggestions for the future development of OER web portal:

- They all agree that OER web portal should become a virtual space for the long-term collection of data, good practices, toolkit etc. that will be connected to learning of elderly, and older men specifically.
- It is necessary that all material are and remaining open-licensed and should be collaborative, trying to form a community of experts and community workers that work with this population.
- One issue all discussants see as a big challenge for the future of OER web portal is its sustainability after the project is concluded. Currently the future of the website is still unclear, as this would demand several moderators from different countries to participate at the portal after the conclusion of the project.
- Another idea was to integrate twitter or Facebook posts on the portal as an added feature. Twitter can be connected, it is unclear if it can be done on Facebook (on Facebook for sure, a user would have to approve the posts).
- Additional functionalities were suggested, e.g. Facebook plugins to publish content to OER platform via Facebook, Forums – to have possibility of a public discussion space” on the site.
- OER web portal should have an events calendar. Some also suggested that this calendar should be linked to the event calendars of chosen institutions?
- The functionality and importance of Blog was emphasised, because it could be a good avenue for events promotion and sustainability of the portal.
- A possibility for asking for editorial permission should be added, so people will be able to add new materials (but will not be given permission to edit or remove the existing ones).