



# ENCORE+

## European Network for Catalysing Open Resources in Education

### Project outline

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# Project info



**Erasmus + Programme – KA2 -  
Knowledge Alliance**

**Budget Euros 993.028,00**



**36 months duration**



**Partners:**

ICDE - International Council for Open  
and Distance Education (coordinator)

DHBW - Baden-Wuerttemberg  
Cooperative State University

OUUK - The Open University

UNIR – Universidad Internacional de La  
Rioja

K4A - Knowledge 4 All Foundation

JOUBEL - Joubel AS

Fondazione Politecnico di Milano

## Project aim

ENCORE+ aims to create a **dynamic, sustainable network of European OER repositories**, well **connected to higher education and companies**, and **surrounded by knowledge communities** equipped with guidelines and tools to **unlock the potential of OER as a catalyst for innovation**.

# Project objectives

1. To set up and support a sustained and well mapped European OER stakeholders network based on well connected higher education and business communities.
2. To foster collaboration and connection of OER European repositories into a European OER repository ecosystem.
3. To stimulate the integration of OER institutional strategies within business and academia.
4. To establish an open, distributed and highly trusted community-based OER quality review paradigm and working mechanism.
5. To demonstrate the innovation potential of OER within business settings and promote successful OER business models.

## Expected outcomes

- ▶ **ENCORE+ network**, strengthening and connecting existing OER communities
- ▶ **Integrated architecture of a European OER repositories infrastructure**
- ▶ **European guidelines for developing effective OER strategies** in business and academia
- ▶ **European open & community-led Quality Review Framework for OER**
- ▶ **European business and start-up community**, empowered to innovate

and improve operations by leveraging OER

# Target groups

Education: HEI  
leaders and decision  
makers; Learners  
(formal and informal)

Business :  
Course/MOOCs  
providers; Edtech,  
Tech and service  
companies

Public institutions and  
policy: Educational  
authorities and  
ministries; Quality  
Assurance Agencies

WP number	WP title
WP1	Project Management
WP2	Building the European Network for Catalysing Open Resources in Education
WP3	Technology for the European OER Ecosystem
WP4	Policies and Practices for the European OER Ecosystem
WP5	Quality for the European OER Ecosystem
WP6	Supporting Innovation in the European OER Ecosystem
WP7	Quality management and evaluation of the ENCORE+ implementation
WP8	Information, Dissemination & Exploitation

Table 8: Work Packages

# Activities

## Methodological approach



ENCORE+ focuses on four focus themes, each being dealt with in a specific wp: OER Technology (WP3), OER Strategy/Policies (WP4), OER Quality (WP5), OER Innovation & Business (WP6)



WP2 builds the ENCORE+ Network: a) identifying communities of practice; b) developing organisational and business models for the network; and c) stakeholder mapping & scenario development.



Each thematic focus WP will run four Circles to convene and consolidate stakeholders



Three integration events converge the four discussion streams and bring members of the communities together into a sustainable network