

# Tailoring Language MOOC design for migrants and refugees

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# MOONLITE project (2016 – 19)



(Massive Open Online courses  
eNhancing LInguistic and  
TransvErsal skills for social inclusion  
and employability)

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# MOONLITE partners



from Germany, Greece, Holland,  
Malta, Spain, Sweden & UK



Project  
Partners



Linnæus University



Web2learn  
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# MOONLITE objectives



1. MOOC opportunities & barriers
2. (cross)Institutional scenarios
3. New scaf. ed. pathways for migrants and refugees
4. Cost Benefit Analysis for providers and institutions
5. MOOC for RSG
6. Vision and recom. MOOCs in EHEIs



# UNED scenario: Collaboration with refugee support groups



Direct contact with national and local RSGs:

- Meetings
- Work sessions
- Webinars and training
- Newsletters

# Need analysis



- **Questionnaires and interviews** with RSGs: situational and educational needs of displaced people.
- **Work sessions with refugees and migrants:** insights into the real needs of displaced people in Spain.
- **In-depth literature review:** specific criteria for LMOOCs.

# Questionnaires & interviews (1)



- Informants: 16 Spanish RSGs.
- Profile of R&M:
  - **Syria and Africa.** Male and female. **21-40.**
  - **Arabic and French.**
  - **Heterogeneous** professional and academic profile. **Unemployed.**
  - Safety, stability, health care, **learn the language, legal and employment** questions.
  - **Smartphones**, unreliable connections, **social networks** and **apps**, lack of digital literacy.



# Questionnaires & interviews (2)



- Educational needs: **integration, languages** and **professional development**. Consideration of **cultural** differences.
- Educational offer in Spain for R&M: **not enough** and **not easy to access**.
- LMOOCs:
  - Challenges: **motivation, lack of recognition, technological** factors.
  - Opportunities: **hope, employability** and **social inclusion**.





# Results of the needs analysis



- Using existing entrepreneurial/CLIL MOOCs: high competence level in the target language.
- Using existing LMOOCs: not adapted to their needs.

**Language MOOCs based on adaptability criteria with tutoring support and official recognition.**

- Design **collaboration** between HEIs and RSGs.

# Spanish LMOOCs “Open Doors”

- New Spanish LMOOCs for **immediate needs** (I & II) A1 (some A2)
  - 6 weeks each
  - Teaching teams: RSGs & UNED
    - Content designers, facilitators, etc.
  - Relevant scaffolding
- Deployed on UNED Open edX MOOC platform with official recognition (1 ECTS)
- Designed based on **specific “inclusion criteria”**.



# Courses' contents



Course 1	Module 1	Introductions and bureaucracy
	Module 2	Routines and daily life
	Module 3	Travel and moving around
	Module 4	Going to the doctor
Course 2	Module 1	Leisure time and socialisation
	Module 2	Looking for housing
	Module 3	Training and employment
	Module 4	Defending rights

# Technological criteria



- **Usability and accessibility:**
  - **Guide** of technological use.
  - Simple, accessible and attractive navigation.
  - **Downloading** of every material.
- Design for **mobiles:**
  - **Low resolution** for images and videos.
  - **Audio-visual**, little text content.



# Linguistic and (inter) cultural criteria



- **Simplicity** of expression, **language basic** level.
- Multilingualism: **Subtitles and transcriptions** Arabic.
- Basic **glossary** of terms.
- **Diversity** of identities in materials and activities, consideration of non-EU styles.
- Fostering of **intercultural** awareness and competence.

in several



# Pedagogical and policy criteria



- **Open** in every respect.
- Focused on their needs, **practical**.
- Pedagogical **support guide**.
- **Flexibility** and **modularity**.
- **Compulsory** and **optional** activities: self-evaluation, p2p and social activities (forums, social networks).
- **Scaffolding**: constant feedback, tutoring and mentoring, virtual learning community.
- **Normalised institutional structure** and **official recognition**: certificate, ECTS.



# Thank you



Más información:

<http://moonliteproject.eu>

Facebook: **MOOCs for Social Inclusion  
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