2. WORLD CONGRESS ON OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER), 18 – 20 SEPTEMBER 2017 LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA

UNESCO RECOMMENDATION ON OER (2019)

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WHAT ARE OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER) ?

Open Educational Resources (OER) are any type of educational materials that are in the public domain or introduced with an open license. The nature of these open materials means that anyone can legally and freely copy, use, adapt and re-share them. OERs range from textbooks to curricula, aps, syllabi, lecture notes, assignments, tests, projects, audio, video and animation.

SDG 4 ‘Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all’ with its key pillars of access, equity and inclusion.
5 REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS

• 1. – 2.12.2016 Asia / Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
• 23. – 24.2.2017 Europe / La Valletta, Malta
• 26. – 27.2.2017 Middle East & North Africa / Doha, Qatar
• 2. – 3.3.2017 Africa / Port Louis, Mauritius
• 3. – 4.4.2017 Americas / Brasilia, Brazil
• 29. – 30.5.2017 Pacific / Auckland, New Zealand
2. WORLD OER CONGRESS

Objectives

1. Examine solutions to meeting the challenges of mainstreaming OER practices in educational systems worldwide

2. Showcase the world’s best practices in OER policies, initiatives, and experts

3. Providing recommendations for the mainstreaming of OER with links to best practices.
5 CHALLENGES

• Capacity of users to access, re-use and share

• Language and culture issues

• Ensuring inclusive and equitable access to quality OER

• Developing Sustainability and Business Models

• The development of supportive policy environments.
2. WORLD OER CONGRESS

The 2nd World OER Congress brought together some 500 stakeholders from over 100 Member States, including 14 Ministers of Education or Higher Education.

2 Outputs:

- The Ljubljana OER Action Plan and
- The 2nd World OER Congress Ministerial Statement,

39th General Conference of UNESCO (Nov 2017)

Resolution to start process for the development of a Recommendation on OER (until 2019).
UNESCO Draft Concept Note [Jan 2016]

UNESCO Executive Board: Resolution for a preliminary study to the 199th EXB [April 2016]

UNESCO Executive Board: Submission of Study [April 2017]

Slovenia: 2nd World OER Congress 2016 [September 2017]


Category II Meeting: Special Committee to examine Proposal [May 2019]

UNESCO 40th General Conference: Presentation for Adoption of an OER Normative Instrument [Nov 2019]

UNESCO Discussion at the Road Map Meeting [30 to 31 March 2016]
## PROCESS – MICRO

### 2018

- **January to May:** negotiations on the text at individual expert level to produce a draft recommendation and draft study
- **May – June:** Global Open Online Consultations.
- **25 June – 30 July:** visa process to send to MSs
- **August:** Sending of document to MSs of draft recommendation and study by circular letter
- **October:** Submission to the Executive Board of invitations to the Special committee (Category II)

### 2019

- **15 January:** deadline for comments from Member States for the draft recommendation and draft study
- **April:** Sending of revised study and recommendation to MSs by circular with invitation repeated
- **May:** Special Committee Meeting
- **July:** sending of draft approved by the Special Committee for discussion at the November General Conference
NOTE

• First known ‘open doc’ development process for UNESCO.

• Bilingual.
Thank You!!!

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