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NEWSLETTER



THE PROJECT PARTNERSHIP



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INTRODUCING THE VRINHE PROJECT

The VRinHE project (Virtual Reality in Higher Education) aims to build the capacities of Higher Education institutions and their staff, to integrate Virtual and Augmented Reality in teaching and learning.

VRinHE promotes a sustainable, digital transformation of the Higher Education sector by developing innovative methods, approaches and guidelines to increase participation rates, improve the quality of Higher Education and foster university learners' digital 21st century skills.

The project started in 01.02.2022 and will be active until 31.01.2024:



OFFICIAL KICK-OFF MEETING

The VRinHE project consortium met for its official in-person kick-off meeting in Limassol, Cyprus on May 19th and 20th, 2022. The meeting was hosted by CARDET in the Curium Palace Hotel. The partners discussed the upcoming delivery of the key project results (Toolkit for integrating VR/AR in teaching in higher education, Training package for academics and learning designers, E-learning platform and MOOC, as well as Policy and practice guidelines), dissemination activities and various other project-related matters.

After the end of the meeting, all partners took part in a guided tour around Limassol. On the last day of the visit to Cyprus, there was a study visit to "CUTing Edge Limassol – An American Space", where everyone familiarized themselves further with the VR technology and were able to try out different types of VR headsets.



LAUNCH OF THE PROJECT WEBSITE

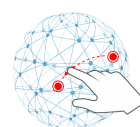
The official project website for VRinHE was launched at the beginning of the project: www.vr-in-he.eu

The different sections include a general overview of the project, news about project events, as well as a dedicated section for the project results, which are:

- eToolkit, containing open educational resources to help with the implementation of VR/AR in higher education;
- Training package for academics and learning designers
- eLearning platform and MOOC, which is composed of different learning modules. The eLearning platform is intended to be a one-stop-shop, providing instant access to the full suite of the VRinHE learning resources, while the MOOC has 6 interactive modules with gamification features and engaging VR/AR related activities
- Policy and practice guidelines for higher education institutions



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PROJECT PARTNER MEETING



The second face-to-face meeting was a combined event, which included an LTTA and a partner meeting. The partner meeting took place in Rhodes, Greece, on April 24th, 2023. Various project matters, upcoming tasks, as well as dissemination activities were discussed.

The Learning, Teaching and Training Event lasted for three days – from April 24th to April 26th, 2023.

LEARNING, TEACHING AND TRAINING EVENT



Three representatives from each project partner underwent a training on VR/AR related topics, including introduction modules for the two technologies, how they can be integrated in the higher education sector, a hands-on experience with VR devices and use of online collaboration tools in Virtual reality.

On the last day of the LTTA, the participants were divided in groups and collaborated in designing different learning scenarios and application for the two technologies.



UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Policy and practice guidelines for higher education institutions (Project result 4) need to be finalized. This will be done by the end of 2023. The aim of this result is to provide concrete policy recommendations for university leadership teams, decision-makers and key policymakers, promoting the use of VR/AR in higher education teaching and learning..

The three representatives from each project partner, who participated in the LTTA event in Rhodes (Greece) will conduct the same training they received in front of 20 higher education faculty members from their country. This will also be accomplished by the end of 2023.

The last project event will be the final meeting in Ruse, Bulgaria, which will take place on January 17-18th, 2024. There will be at least 100 participants – key stakeholders, who will be informed about what has been accomplished in the project and what will happen in the near future, including after the end of the project.