Sharing of experience: tips from a beneficiary

Presentation of the project "Automatic Recognition Assessment (AUREA)"

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Automatic Recognition Assessment (AUREA)

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Project concept

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General Objective: Promote automatic recognition of credits for mobile students by identifying barriers and improvements through evidence-based policies and support mechanisms.

Specific Objectives:

- Assess the state of play in recognition for mobile students undergoing credit mobility. (WP2)

- Create a shared understanding of (full) automatic credit recognition on a European level. (WP3)

- Provide higher education institutions with the necessary tools and information to assess their readiness for implementation of automatic credit recognition. Students understand the impact of international student mobility on their career path (WP4).

- Contribute to evidence-based policy making on the topic at national and European levels. (WP4)

- Raise awareness of existing barriers and ensure the project's results benefit higher education systems in Europe by effectively promoting outputs to relevant stakeholders and practitioners. (WP5)

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Analysis of existing data and practices

Aim: "To better understand the current state of automatic credit recognition during learning mobility and identify challenges".

Concretely:
- Research and data collection (case studies, quantitative data analysis, focus groups, literature review…).

Deliverables:
- Report on the current state of automatic credit recognition.
- Online Multiplier events.

Stakeholder practices and perspectives on automatic credit recognition

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Aim: Analyse the perceptions of HEIs, students, and stakeholders on barriers to automatic credit recognition, develop a common European definition, and create an enabling factors framework.

Concretely:
- Mapping factors of automatic recognition.
- Creating social labs to build a common definition bringing together students, HEIs and stakeholders.

Deliverable:
- Enabling factors framework
- Higher Education Social Labs
- Comparative report on approaches to automatic recognition in credit mobility.

Capacity building and self-evaluation

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Aim: Provide resources and guidance for HEIs to implement automatic credit recognition, reduce workload, and remove barriers.

Concretely:

- Building and testing a self-evaluation tool for HEIs.
- Develop a hands-on guide for HEIs to provide practical suggestions for automatic recognition.
- Organise online capacity building workshops for HEI staff.

Deliverable:

- Self-evaluation framework.
- Self-evaluation tool.
- Roadmap for HEIs for more effective automatic recognition.

Impact on Education Policies

Aim: Prepare and disseminate recommendations to HEIs and policymakers to mainstream automatic recognition best practices, while ensuring project sustainability through fade-out mechanisms for long-term impact.

Outcomes:
- Policy recommendations on automatic recognition.
- Final conference of the project.
- Sustainability plan.

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Step 1: Conceptualisation:

- Identify the core idea and the **specific need** the project addresses.
- Ensure your project aligns with the priorities of the European Commission and the specific **call's requirements**.
- Address at least one **Erasmus+ programme horizontal priority** while considering the other three.
- Clearly frame the primary **target audience** and identify other groups that will benefit from the project.

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Step 2: Structure your proposal

- Begin with the project's **main aim** and outline 3–4 clear objectives.
- Design Work Packages (WPs) to achieve these objectives, detailing outcomes and deliverables.
- For each activity, map out all necessary processes and steps, integrating them under the relevant WP.
- Establish Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that reflect your organisation's capacities and resources. Be realistic.

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Step 3: Build your budget estimation

- Develop a budget that aligns with your proposed activities and work plan.
- Discuss and refine the budget with your project partners to ensure it is realistic and feasible.
- Allocate no more than **20%** of the total budget to the Work Package dedicated to project management.
- Limit subcontracting to minor tasks. Adding an additional partner is often more cost-effective than outsourcing significant work.
- Use the European Commission's website to estimate travel expenses.

Building your project team

1. Build a consortium around the **target audiences** you want to reach to ensure relevant **audiences** can be used.
2. Define **expertise**, and ensure geographical spread among partners.
3. Ensure participatory processes in the **project design**, but don't hesitate to show leadership/coordination to keep your design on track.

Thank you
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