Developing teaching professionals’ digital competences in European higher education in the time of corona pandemic

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Developing teachers’ 21st century digital competences: *Tools and tips for teachers for course design*
Learning goals of the training

• Understand the concept of digital competences.
• Use a range of digital resources in your teaching in a flexible, comprehensive and effective way.
• Learn how to use the ABC model in your learning design.
DigCompEdu framework

[Website Link: ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/digcompedu]
The COVID-19 had a heavy impact on the course

- Uncertainty about the future; double work for plans A & B
- Time and place
- Number of participants increased by a third after publishing the schedule
- Pedagogical design
- Technical environment

...All meetings online in spring 2021 instead of meeting in Finland in autumn 2020!
Concerns before the training

• Uncertainty
• Finding participants for a fully online course instead of meeting in Finland
• Participants’ motivation and commitment to an online training
Participants’ feedback

• ”In this period of intense work, this training has given me a little breath of fresh air!”
• ”And what is also important: you made us to think about what we are doing, new points to take into account and gave us the opportunity to share experiences!”
• ”I am already successfully using the digital whiteboard. Students are amazed and very happy to use it. This makes them feel like co-creators of the education process.”
• ”Interesting, professionally useful and well-organized course.”
• ”Participation in your course was very useful for my teacher's work, and really pleasant experience, too.”
Tips for the next round

• Be flexible and well-prepared: have plan A, B and C
• Activate the participants (to avoid multitasking)
• Provide clear instructions and communication; double check everything
• Have enough breaks during the sessions
• Friendly and relaxed atmosphere is a basis of mutual trust for participants to share their experiences.
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