



Lifelong
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WIKI-SKILLS: Empowering and fostering
social, professional, cultural and civic skills
through pedagogical use of Wiki technologies
and methodologies

WikiSkills Pilot Course University of Barcelona

Course Title: Teaching and learning with wikis in educational centres	
Related Scenario	Comenius scenario
Organizing Partner	University of Barcelona
Aim	<p>The general aim of the course was to teach educators from primary and secondary schools how to make the best use of wiki environments in their educational settings, so to achieve high learning outcomes and develop collaboration opportunities among the educational community. After completing the course, it was planned that participants would be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Differentiate between different wiki environments, and know how to manage their functionalities. - Analyze the potential of wiki culture in educational contexts. - Plan learning activities based on wikis, adapted to their specific contexts of teaching. - Manage the different roles of teachers and students in a class based on a wiki project.
Venue	University of Barcelona, Faculty of Pedagogy, Spain
Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Session 1: February 1, from 18 h to 20 h - Session 2: February 2, from 9.30 h to 13.30 h - Weeks from February 4 to 15: virtual (10 hours) - Session 3: February 16, from 9.30 h to 13.30 h
Hours	20 hours
Participants	In total, 24 teachers participated in the training workshops: 7 primary school teachers, 11 secondary school teachers, and 4 vocational training teachers, and 2 English teachers.
Teachers	* Frédérique Frossard is a resercher in the fields of Technology-enhanced Learning. She graduated in social Psychology, specialized in professional training. She has been involved in several EU projects, and is now working on the WikiSkills project.

	<p>* Laia Benito Pericas is a doctor in Literature and Languages. She is an active member of the educational team of Viquipèdia. She provides different courses on the pedagogical use of Wikipedia for teachers, and is involved in several related projects.</p>
Duration	20 hours
Methodology	<p>The course used a combination of the following methodologies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * User-centred activities, i.e. tutorials and practical sessions in which participants created and edit wiki environments and designed activities. * Presentations of best practice examples of teaching with wikis. * Discussion and reflection sessions. <p>Courses were both face-to-face and virtual</p>
Activities	<p>UNIT 1: INTRODUCTION TO THE COURSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Warming-up / break the ice activity: presentation of the participants on the Pad of the course - Lecture: presentation of the objectives and the structure of the course / tools (15 min) - Lecture: presentation of the WikiSkills project objectives and organization (5 min) - Taking notes of the courses and write doubts on the Pad of the course <p>UNIT 2: INTRODUCTION TO WIKI ENVIRONMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lecture: presentation of wiki culture, wiki functionalities and examples <p>UNIT 3: WIKI BASIC FUNCTIONALITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstration: edit some pages on Wikipedia - Hands-on session: edition of an article on Wikipedia - Guided debriefing session: the wiki culture <p>UNIT 4: EDUCATIONAL AFFORDANCES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Examples of wiki-based learning activities <p>UNIT 5: WIKI-BASED LEARNING SCENARIOS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of the scenario template - Planning, by teachers, of a wiki-based learning scenario - Presentation, by teachers, of their center in the Mediawiki space of the project

	<p>UNIT 6: TEACHING WITH WIKIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organizing groups of students - Licences, pictures, legal issues - Ethical concerns in the classroom <p>UNIT 7: SETTING UP THE WIKI GROUND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Choose the adapted wiki platform - Create the wiki site - Define a clear organizational structure - Define and import initial content
Materials created	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Introduction to the WikiSkills project objectives and activities * Introduction to the wiki environments and educational uses * Use of the main wiki functionalities * Wikis' educational affordances * The use of Wikipedia in the classroom * Use of other resources created in the context of the project, e.g. the success factors for the relevant use of wikis in educational contexts <p>Each teacher created a wiki-based learning scenario which he / she intended to apply with his / her students in the classroom.</p>
General comments	<p>Participants were generally satisfied with the training course. They positively valued the topics introduced through the different activities, and considered wikis useful, innovative tools for their teaching contexts, and a motivating learning methodology for their students. They considered wikis as relevant to work a wide range of competencies, including teamwork, respect and tolerance towards others' work, research and selection of information, autonomy and responsibility, peer learning, co-writing and multimedia. They particularly found it interesting to learn how to use the functionalities of wiki environments, how to evaluate their students and follow them in an individual manner through wiki, topics of recognition and respect for the content created by others and copyrights. Furthermore, they were happy to learn how to use pads.</p> <p>In the words of teachers: "I learnt a new way of communicating to my students how to do fun tasks and learn"; "This course provided me with tools that have already been tested and that I can apply in my teaching</p>

	<p>practices. Also, I lose my fear of collaborating in wiki environments which until the course, which I didn't feel capable until the course. It is also interesting and useful to share experiences with other teachers, this allows you to enrich your educational practice"; "Before taking the course, I knew the encyclopedia Wikipedia, but ignored any other wiki platforms or tools and did not know that they could be included in my teaching. I have also learned how to create, edit and monitor wiki pages. In addition, I am now much more aware of the importance of sharing and collaborating on wiki platforms as well as of topics of recognition and respect for the content created by others and copyrights. I learned how to create an educational activity based on a wiki page to encourage collaborative work and cooperation among my students. Also, I can monitor the individual work of each of them".</p> <p>Teachers found the course slightly condensed, and would have liked to have more sessions. They sometimes argued that they would have liked to see more examples of relevance for their specific teaching contexts. Furthermore, they suggested using Wikispaces a learning environment for the course.</p>
Summary	See above
Photos	
Annexes	Add any extra information that should be collected

Annex 1: Agenda of the course



Proyecto Europeo WikiSkills
Curso "Curs Ensenyar i aprendre amb wikis als centres educatius"

Fechas y horario

- Sesión 1: 1 de febrero, de 18 h a 20 h
- Sesión 2: 2 de febrero, de 9.30 h a 13.30 h
- Sesión 3: 16 de febrero, de 9.30 h a 13.30 h

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Sesión 1 – 1 de Febrero

18h	Bienvenida y presentación de los participantes
18h30	Presentación del curso y del proyecto WikiSkills
19h	Introducción a los entornos wiki
20h	Cierre

Sesión 2 – 2 de Febrero

9h30	Utilización de las funcionalidades básicas de las wikis
11h45	Pausa
12h	Aplicación de las wikis en contextos educativos
13h30	Cierre

Sesión 3 – 16 de Febrero

9h30	Crear su propio espacio wiki
10h30	Enseñar con wikis: dinámicas de clase
11h45	Pausa
12h	Enseñar con wikis: dinámicas de clase (continuación)
12h45	Conclusiones y próximas etapas del curso
13h30	Cierre