



Newsletter March 2018

MOOCs and Short Learning Programmes

In a fast-changing world, MOOCs respond to the future needs of employers and employees for a flexible updating of knowledge and skills. MOOC providers have also started with coherent MOOC packages, leading to specific awards e.g. FutureLearn Programmes, Coursera Specialisations and edX's MicroMasters.

These new offerings will also be examined under the **European Short Learning Programmes (E-SLP)** project, started by EADTU and 14 university partners. This project focusses on the implementation of certified online/blended SLPs. Credits, certificates and diplomas are to be related to the European Qualification Framework. In this context, it is relevant to consider the value of credits for MOOCs to be eventually integrated in SLPs.

Please contact [EADTU secretariat](#) for more information.



Deadline extension: Survey on institutional MOOC strategies

The deadline for the [annual survey on institutional MOOC strategies](#) is extended to 15 April 2018. Fill out the survey for your institution and tell us about

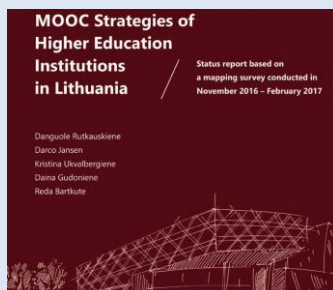
why your institution is (not) using MOOCs.

Please find full background information [here](#). Results of previous European studies are also [available](#).



MOOC strategies in Lithuania

For the second consecutive year a [Lithuanian Country Report](#) is published on the strategies of higher education institutions (HEIs) on MOOCs and their reasons (not) to be involved. This report is based on the European wide survey conducted end 2016 – early 2017. The overall results of the 2016/2017 survey are available in [a separate report](#).



Gain an OU digital badge and further your career

Did you know that The Open University offers free courses geared towards helping with employability and career development?

On [OpenLearn](#) there is a range of courses aimed at improving employability skills. Many offer the chance to gain a digital badge on completion of the course, which you can share as evidence of your achievement – all for free!

In the last year, our top 18 employability courses have had 350,000 unique browser visits. **Succeed in the workplace** and **Developing career resilience**, two of our most popular badged employability courses, have had over 40,000 visits between them. OpenLearn also hosts a new self-paced MOOC on **Digital skills, digital learning** developed as part of the **BizMOOC** project.



---NEW MOOC OFFERINGS---

UNINETTUNO adds Russian and Chinese MOOCs to their offer on OpenupEd

UNINETTUNO adds new MOOCs in Russian and Chinese dedicated to the issue of energy efficiency and sustainable development: “**Basics of energy saving building regulation**”, “**Ecology**”, “**Energy saving and increase in power effectiveness for buildings and constructions**”, “**Geology**”, “**Heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems**”, “**Green Building and Sustainable Development.**”

These new courses were realized thanks to a cooperation among UNINETTUNO and the North-Eastern Federal University of Yakutsk, Siberian Transport University of Novosibirsk, Irkutsk National Research Technical University, Tuvan State University of Kyzyl, Far Eastern Federal University of Vladivostok, Harbin Institute of Technology and Dalian University of Technology, in the framework of the Erasmus+ European project, “**LPEB**”.

More UNINETTUNO's MOOCs



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MAPFRE Foundation & UNED Abierta

The **MAPFRE Foundation** in collaboration with **UNED Abierta** offers another series of Spanish MOOCs on OpenupEd.

MAPFRE is a non-profit institution which 'contributes to improving people's quality of life and the progress of society through multinational programmes and activities'. The following four MOOCs will start in April:

- Promotion of health in the school environment
- Initiation to insurance for university students
- Attention to diversity: personalized teaching
- Health promotion. Course for teachers in emergencies and health emergencies (3rd ed.)

More Spanish MOOCs on the OpenupEd course database can be found [here](#).



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