OER: OUR COMMON CHALLENGE AND SOLUTION?

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Unique Opportunity...

Opening up education is a social good. UNESCO 2030 Education Strategy.

OER can be our common approach to raise the accesability of the knowledge and education. Worldwide.

- Slovenia is heading the process of opening up education through UNESCO, EU, OuSEE/Ouxxx and OuS
 - Open Education Resources community is broad and growing (195 countries, >3bill OER resources, big companies entering)
 - Open education is becoming a main stream at academic institution (Open Courseware, OEC, MOOCs,...)



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Current Questions and Challenges...

Education system (s):

Are challenged by globalization and at the same time scarcity.

Are we still translating our past to the future of the next generations?

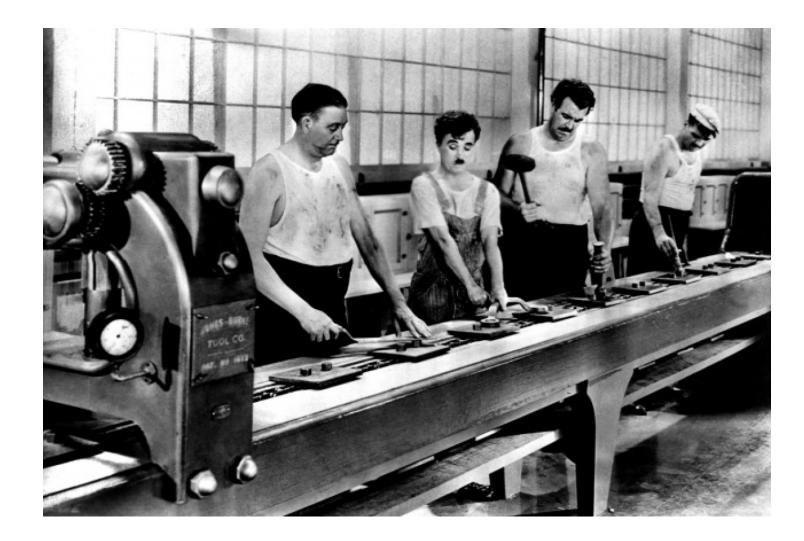
How do we listen to youngsters? What do they teach us? Is education a must or desire?



Are we still thinking inside "national borders"?

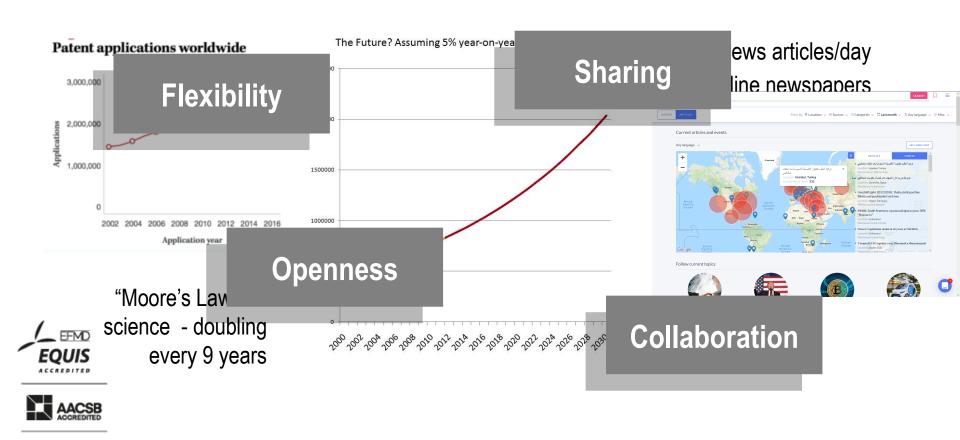


Time and Circumstances Have Changed





Complexity in Education is Growing



The Teacher of Today?

Rules and Law

Local/social environment

Parents



Monitoring and control



New knowledge/ concepts/ technologies

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Kids

Students...

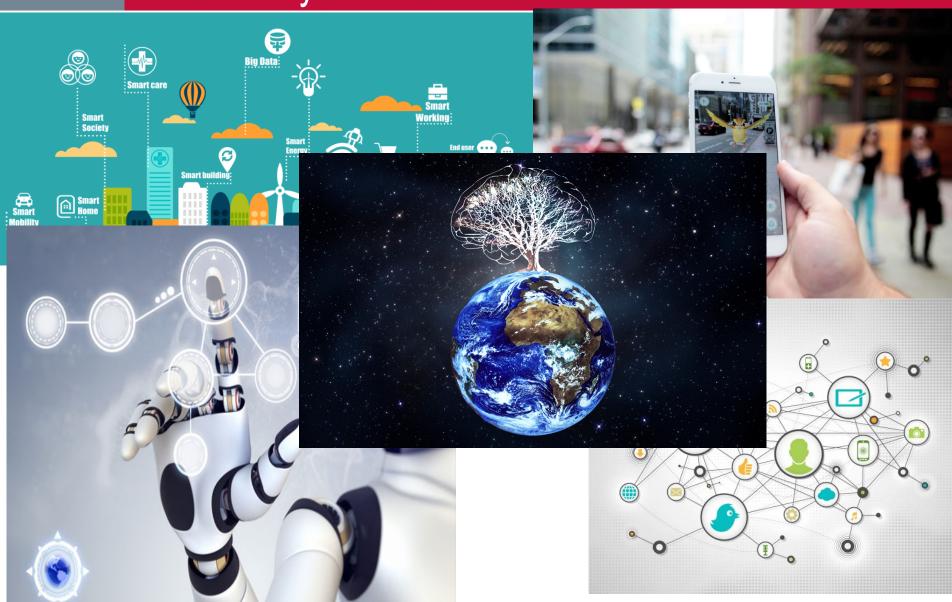






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Changing of the Values? Or Just Life Styles? Diversity of the World.



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Every Stakeholder in Education Has an Impact

- INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
- GOVERNMENTS
- NATIONAL, LOCAL INSTITUTIONS
- PARENTS
- TEACHERS
- BUSINESS
- TRADE UNIONS
- YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES
- DIFFERENT ASSOCIATION







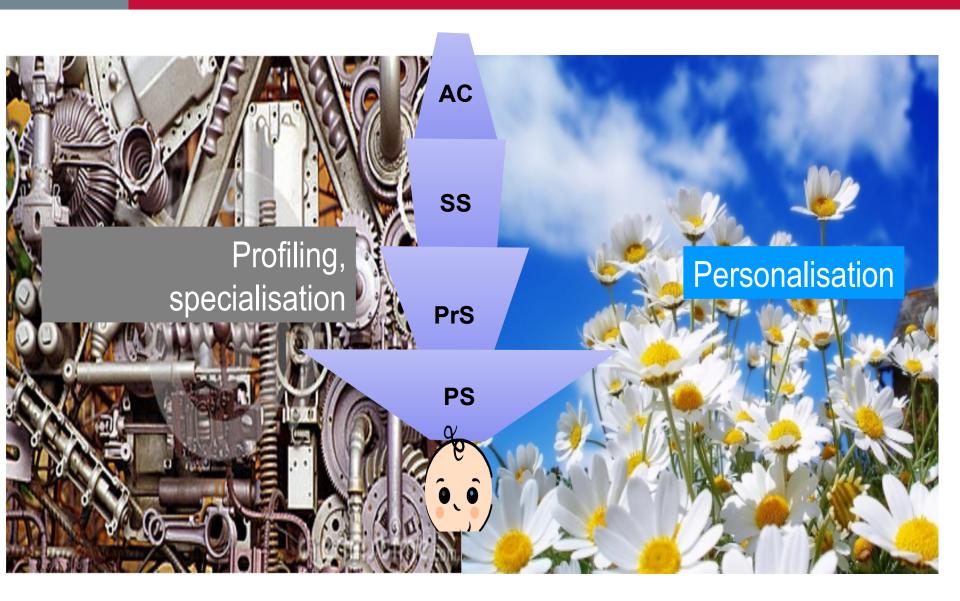


Open Government/Open Country

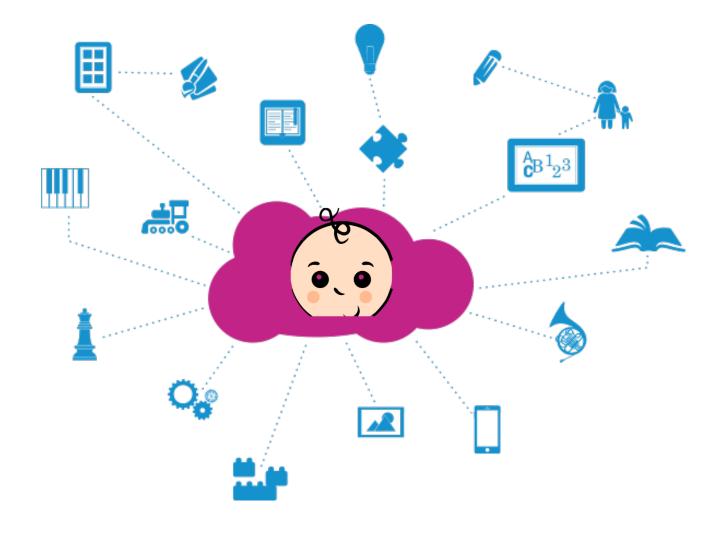




What If



Adaptive (Social) Environment and Motivation





... And What If ...

MERCOSUR region would be the model and the most innovative and open region that is based on Open Education?





Already experiencing very good cooperation with UNESCO OER Chair/School of Education, UnB and with Fundacao Getulio Vargas (member of the Board of Open Education Consortium)

Holistic Approach and Openness

Global with UNESCO

Formal process by 2019 to setup a normative instrument/recommendation to change policies adopted by 195 member states

2nd World OER congress as one of the milestones in the process (380 delegates, 28 ministers, 22 side events)

MERCOSUR could serve as a good practice?

EU with **EC**

Slovenia + 8 EU countries to setup the same process for EU

Regional with MERCOSUR Countries (like SEE)

Opening Up Balkans (8 countries)

National with Opening Up Slovenia

Spreading to other social sub-systems



True Openess, Accessibility, Transparancy

Incentives and motivation

Open Universities

Open accreditation

Open value added models

Open badges

Open content

Open licenses
Open textbook

Open organisation

MOOCs

Open source

Open environment

Open legislation

Open Context Aware Environments

Open software

Open access



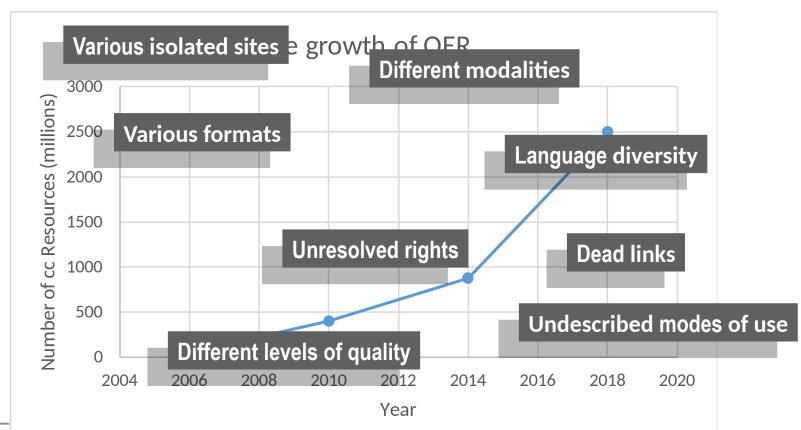
OER Open curriculum

OCW



Open approach

The Growth of OER









Source: Hewlett Foundation

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Learning Programs and Curriculum

Number of learning programs:....?

Programs and curriculum are in most countries hard coded in the educational system

Primary and secondary school – school reform (X) years

Academia is autonomous but still need QA (X) years

... but are well described and structured.

Open programs and open curriculum:

Students active engagement in structuring learning

Program following students' needs, desires and goals

Dynamic

Open curriculum needs open organization.

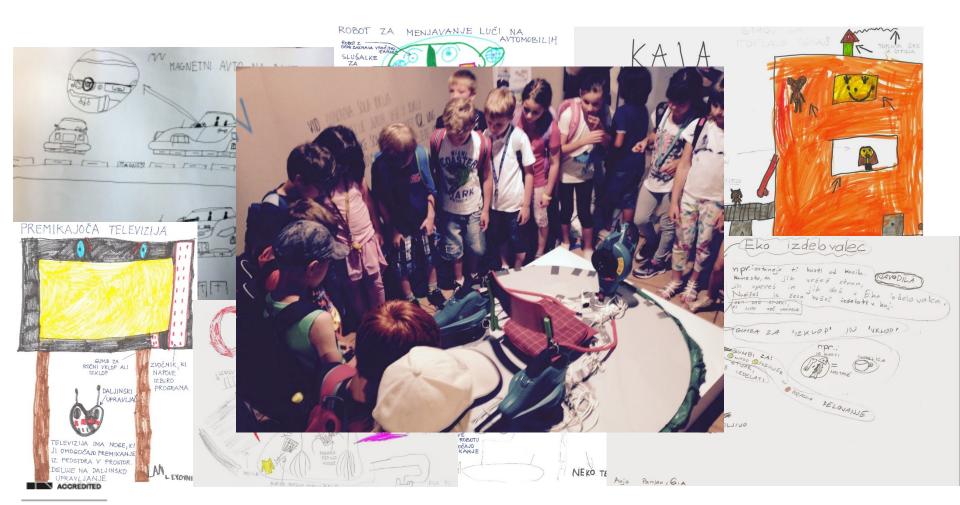




From the Kindergarten On...



The Case of the Kindergarten Trnovo, Ljubljana

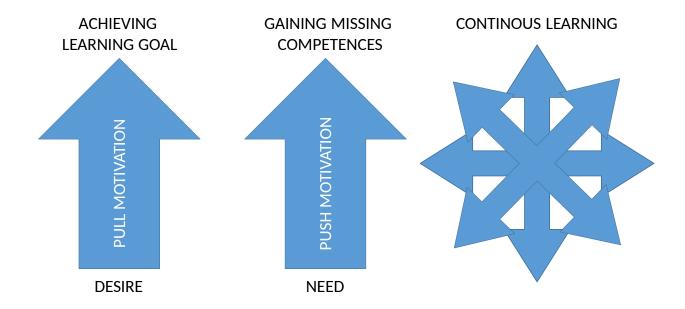




Added Value Models (Motivation)

A shared but personalised goal.

For students, for teachers, for schools, for economy, for society, for humanity.





Competences and Skills Demand

Top down: Various qualification and credential standards – by institution, country, region, continent (LOM, Diploma supplement, EQF, ...)

Hard to synchronise.

Legislative and policy restrictions.

Trust?

Bottom up: Skills and competences checked by the employer.

Costly and time consuming.

Various descriptions.

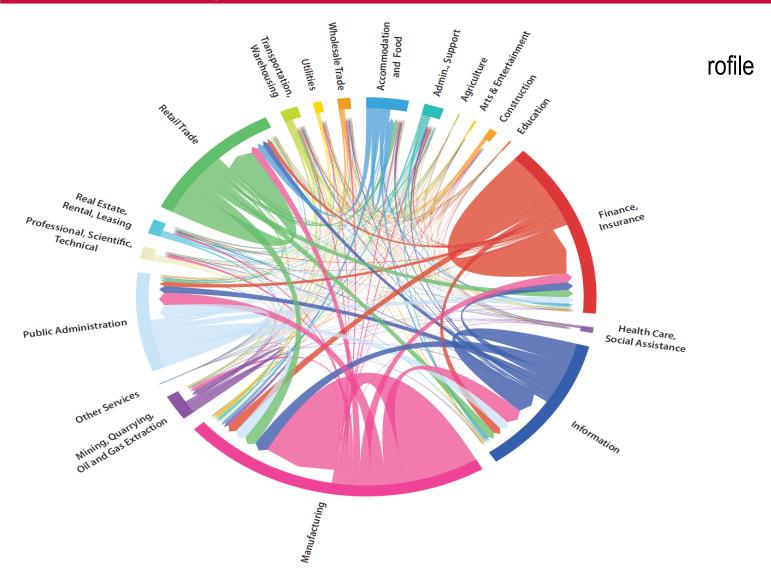
Existing data allows modelling.





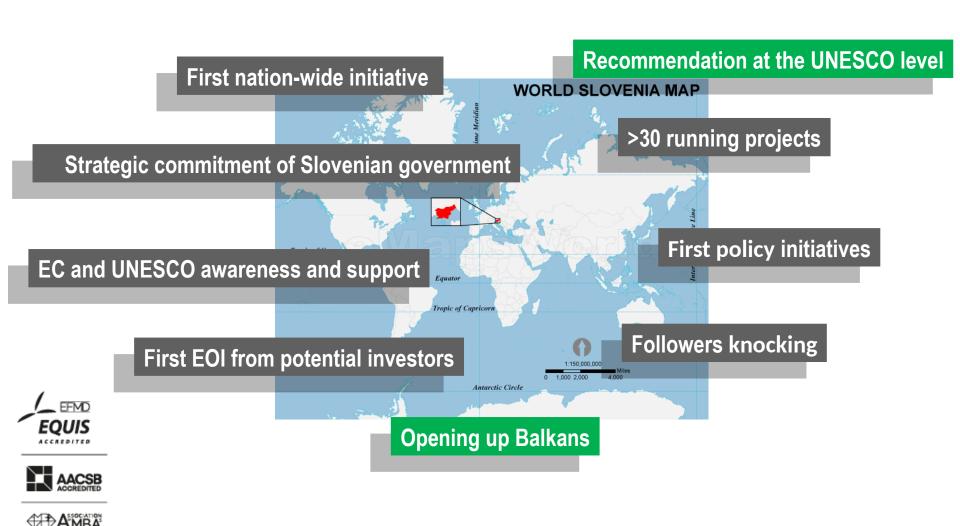


Job Changes and OER





What Have We Achieved So Far?



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Current Activities

Pursuing the recommendation – political action

Dynamic coalition of OER-ised countries

Regular check-point events/conferences

Initiating normative instrument on OER in EU

12 EU countries signed and supported UNESCO instrument

→ recommendation





UNESCO Chair Running Activities

Process for UNESCO recommendation on OER

Dynamic coalition of countries: MERCOSUR role? Individual

Countries?

Opening Up Slovenia

Opening Up SEE/MERCOSUR(?)

OER for a Better World:

Series of RTD projects:

- IT enabled learning
- Smart cities, smart transport and mobility, smart grids
- Transparent government
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Macro Process and Time Line

UNESCO Draft Concept Note [Jan 2016] UNESCO Executive Board: Resolution for a preliminary study to the 199th EXB [April 2016]

Slovenia:
2nd World
OER
Congress
2016
[September
2017]

Category II
Meeting:
Special
Committee
to examine
Proposal
[May 2019]

















UNESCO Discussion at the Road Map Meeting [30 to 31 March 2016] UNESCO Executive Board: Submission of Study [April 2017] UNESCO 39th
General
Conference:
Presentation
of the
Proposal for
an OER
Normative
Instrument
[Nov. 2017]

General Conference: Presentation for Adoption of an OER Normative Instrument

[Nov 2019]

UNESCO 40th







OU MERCOSUR: What is Needed?

A clear strategy – example of OuS (SI and UNESCO)

Agreement between stakeholders including ministries (ALL)

Critical mass for **a mind shift** (UNESCO and open communities)

A mechanism to influence global through regional (UNESCO)

Concrete projects, open results, best practice sharing, joint programmes (ALL)

An influential cross-border, regional community of stakeholders *(YOU)*

... A global perspective!





But...

What it counts most is ...

Parallel and persistant BOTTOM UP AND TOP DOWN APPROACH TO CREATE THE CONTEMPORARY BALANCE

But not without...

PROACTIVE AND VISIONARY STAKEHOLDERS AND BELIEVERS







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