OPALESCE
Online Portal and Active Learning System for Senior Citizens in Europe

Weather Report Data of the fifth OPALESCE meeting
8th -10th of June 2017, Lisbon

This document shall give an overview of the data collected by using the Weather Reports at the fifth and final partner-meeting of the OPALESCE project, hosted by RUTIS in Lisbon.

All participants have filled in the questionnaire, handed out at the end of the meeting to evaluate the workshops content, the workshops design, the coordination and the results of the workshops. There is no incomplete set of quantitative data, but some of the participants have skipped the open-ended questions which were concerned with recommendations for improvements of the OPALESCE project and its consortium.

Each partner has a clear picture of the individual tasks ahead and of the projects final steps.

For the partners of OPALESCE, it is important to keep a flowing communication between all partners to ensure the quality of the project.

Please find below the summarized Weather Report Data:

Quantitative Data

Workshop content	🌧️	🌥️	⛅	☀️	Σ
I was interested in the topics of this workshop.				8 (100%)	8
The workshop lived up to my expectations.			3 (37,5%)	5 (62,5%)	8

Workshop design	🌧️	🌥️	⛅	☀️	Σ
The workshop objectives were clear to me.			1 (12,5%)	7 (87,5%)	8
The difficulty level of this workshop was appropriate.			2 (25%)	6 (75%)	8
The workshop contents were presented in an engaging way.			5 (62,5%)	3 (37,5%)	8
The workshop and the cultural program was interesting.			2 (25%)	6 (75%)	8

Workshop facilitator/coordinator	☔	☁	⛅	☀	∑
The coordination was well prepared.		1 (12,5%)	1 (12,5%)	6 (75%)	8
The coordination was helpful.			1 (12,5%)	7 (87,5%)	8

Workshop results	☔	☁	⛅	☀	∑
Overall, I am happy with the workshop results.			1 (12,5%)	7 (87,5%)	8
I have a clear picture of the projects' next steps.		1 (12,5%)	1 (12,5%)	6 (75,%)	8
I know what my tasks for the upcoming period are.		1 (12,5%)		7 (87,5%)	8

Qualitative Data

Please describe any problems you have encountered within the consortium and measures taken by either you or the lead partner to correct this problem. Please report on any particular difficulty the project encountered related to the management of the partnership.
1.   Some presentations of the event were in Portuguese, with no English translation available which was as a result not to understand, although the topics seemed interesting. There were small delays but thankfully did not affect the meeting since the partner were eager to work and discuss all the issues. (1)
2.   There have been some misunderstandings regarding the technical aspects of the   project   and the communication between the 2 systems and this was because there was   never a real technical meeting in order for the technical specs to be finalized and   agreed upon by both parties. This resulted in some misunderstandings and delays but still we managed to deliver both products despite the fact that all technical meetings and communication took place distantly. Apart from that, the partners have been working and collaborating smoothly up until now. (1)
3.   problem: time management   solution: clear tasks/next steps were set up (1)
4.   The main problem encountered was related to delays on the development of the online portal which also delayed the App. But after some contacts the problem was solved, partially. We are now in the process of working on the technical part that is still missing. (1)
5.   All problems were solved with teamwork. (1)
No answer: 3

What would you like to suggest for the future cooperation/communication in the OPALESCE project? What other improvements would you recommend for the OPALESCE project?
1.   The communication within the project partners most of the time is without problems and issues. (1)
2.   I think it's important to maintain both the Online Portal and Mobile App for as long   as possible after the end of the project and try to sustain the project through the   constant recruitment of Authors in order to keep the educational material up to date   and constantly renewed.   This project and its products has till got a lot of potential to grow bigger and the idea   of a proposal for the continuation of the project and its expansion both in terms of   content,   functionality   and   people involved would be a good idea in order to keep it alive in the next years. (1)

3.   - more communication when problems occur
      - explanations when new developments were made
      - keeping deadlines (1)

4.   Trying to be more timely with the works. (1)
5.   More communication among team members. (1)
No answer: 3

Please describe any Dissemination & Exploitation activities or measures you undertook so far related to the OPALESCE project.
1.   Presentation of the OPALESCE project was made at various national and local events. (1)
2.   Every project meeting we attend and every event, conference or educational activity   we organize, we present the project to our audiences. In addition, we have contacted   the senior citizens that we collaborated with in the framework of another project and   informed them about the aims and activities of the project and we plan to organize a   gathering with them in order to present them the final results.   In addition we disseminate through our websites and social media pages. (1)

3.   publications/releases:
      - articles
      - journals
      - facebook
      - webpage (1)

4.   Regarding dissemination, we have disseminated OPALESCE in all the associations'   activities. We also have a radio spot in which we talk about the project. We have   applied   with   OPALESCE   to   the Grundtvig Awards, although we were not selected   we will have information about our project in their official publications. (1)
5.   In conferences, national radio, newspapers and (?). (1)
6. Presentation of OPALESCE at conferences. (1)
No answer: 2

Please outline all the positive aspects and outcomes of the OPALESCE project.
1.   The project has the potential to continue of the completion of the 3 years. (1)
2.   The main products of the project (Online Portal, Author Tool and Mobile App) are of   very   high quality offering a number of possibilities and services that were beyond the specifications of the proposal. (1)
3.   - the end product the App & the website (when finalized) are really good & useful for   seniors → OPALESCE will be or can be a platform/App for learning in short periods which is really effective (1)
4.   - a great community & learning tool for the elderly - great potential for the future of the platform - great potential for collaboration with other 3rd parties who are interested in senior education (1)
5.   positive aspects: - discussions with results - openness for other opinions - friendliness of project partners negative aspects: -   less skype calls -   less information about the current state of the technology (1)
6.   Despite the delays we have been experiencing, the App is of good quality and has   great potential. Even with budget the consortium has worked very well to produce an excellent outcome. (1)
7.   The final App is a great outcome and can be useful for seniors and other people. (1)
8. Professional system that works well. Lots of potential to use in different learning situations. (1)
No answer: /

What else would you like to pass on? Are there any other issues for discussion?
1.   The most important issue is what is going to happen after the completion of the project. (1)
2.   - thanks to RUTIS for hosting us - looking forward to the final product (1)
3.   - I think the beta version should always tested with the project partners at first maybe   via skype - also important or releases of improvement should be shown to the whole group (1)
4.   As a consortium a more profound discussion should take place about the future of the   App after the project's ending. (1)
5.   I think we will have to talk about project management after the European funding.   (1)
No answer: 3