Open Source University Alliance

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IT in HE =

- myriad systems
- requirements
- and use cases

±2000

in-house IT systems
across Europe

extreme fragmentation

of tools for supporting

student mobility

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How many IT systems are fit for purpose (e.g. meet students' and IROs needs)?

Are secure and GDPR compliant?

And are upgrade-worthy?

Smart(er) strategies are a must!

Open source code repository

support developers ➜ lower costs ➜ better quality and security

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An initiative of the [Erasmus Without Paper](#) project (EWP)

- an open repository of source code

- to help the higher education community

- sharing open source solutions developed by their respective teams.

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Why?

- HEIs are developing IT tools that can support the management of, for example, their student mobility;

- An alternative to working individually - share the source code of their applications, eliminating redundancy.

- the HEIs would both dramatically accelerate their ability and enhance the efficiency and cost management for their information systems.

- To promote real collaboration and exchange of expertise among IT teams, which in turn would lead to higher security and quality standards.

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- From 2019 to 2021, the vast majority of European HEIs will be looking to connect their student information systems (SIS) to the EWP Network;

- The EWP proposes a new way to accelerate the adoption of SIS, with sharing code;

- Developers can access to a catalogue of modules, developed by peers which can be adapted to the needs of their own HEI – and once again shared with the community.

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Who runs the Initiative?

- The Open Source University Alliance is an initiative created by the EWP project.

- Steering committee:

  - European University Foundation (EUF)

  - Coimbra Group

  - SGroup

  - Network of Universities from the Capitals of Europe (UNICA)

  - Young European Research Universities (YERUN)

  - Compostela Group

  - European Consortium of Innovative Universities (ECIU)

  - Groningen Declaration Network (GDN)

Repository

- EWP - reference implementations

and

- Aristotle University Of Thessaloniki - various projects covering University IT Center needs

- University of Bologna - Almarm Model

- University Of Alcalá – OLA course catalog api

- University of Porto – EWP connector

- University Of Münster – OTRS tools

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How do we contribute?

- You contribute by filling out the form on the:

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In conclusion - Future

In Open Source University Alliance HEIs show their support for the initiative by **donating** code to the repository.

It is their **contributions** that makes the Open Source University Alliance possible.

It is therefore **crucial** that as many HEIs sign up and show support for the initiative as possible.

You will **contribute** to the creation of open source tools that will **aid** all the **thousands** of HEIs in Europe.

Their contribution will then help your **HEI** efficiently realize any digital development necessary.

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