



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

European Distance and E-Learning Network
(EDEN)

and

Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education
(ASCILITE)

Parties

1. EDEN is an international educational association and not-for-profit organization registered at: 8/9 The Old Yard, Lodge Farm Business Centre, Wolverton Road, MK19 7ES Milton Keynes, United Kingdom.
2. ASCILITE is an incorporated not-for-profit professional association registered in South Australia, Australia under The Associations Incorporation Act (1985)

Background

1. Since its creation in 1991, EDEN has supported sharing knowledge and improving understanding amongst professionals in distance and e-learning and promoting policy, research and practice across the whole of Europe and beyond. It is the largest, most dynamically developing and innovative professional community of experts and practitioners of open, distance and digital education, as well as technology enhanced learning, representing 51 countries and over 400 institutions from Europe and other continents.
2. ASCILITE was formed in 1983 and currently has 755 members from 14 countries and 101 institutions and organisations. Its vision is to be Australasia's foremost community, leading and advocating for excellence in the use of digital technologies in tertiary learning and teaching. ASCILITE's mission is to promote and recognise exemplary innovation, evidence-based practice and research, in the sustainable use of educational technologies to progress pedagogical practice.
3. To further capitalize on the strengths and synergies of both institutions, EDEN and ASCILITE have been engaged in discussions concerning the establishment of a relationship that could lead to sharing of information, resources, knowledge and experiences.

4. The Parties are entering into this MOU to record their objectives concerning the Collaboration.

Objectives

EDEN and ASCILITE, through this MOU, commit to:

1. Engage in international activities and initiatives of mutual benefit and promote each other's undertakings, more specifically EDEN's conferences, workshops and online networking services to the Australian higher education sector and ASCILITE's offerings to the European higher education stakeholders via the Parties' respective websites and publications, i.e. EDEN's NewsFlashes and ASCILITE's fortnightly bulletins.
2. Support each other in facilitating the enhancement of evidence-based research and practice in the use of educational technologies, particularly in the tertiary education sector, by sharing best community cases in Europe and Australia at the Parties' respective conferences and their journals, i.e. EURODL and AJET.
3. Free use of materials posted on each other's web portals.
4. Collaboration on advisory boards, committees and judging panels of each party.
5. Recruiting researchers to contribute to EDEN's annual Research Workshop and making it the global destination for researchers in the area of open, distance and e-learning.
6. Support of the development of each other's network of members, exchange best practices, jointly organise workshops and webinars, encourage members to prepare, submit and work together on research and capacity building projects, disseminate information of activities of both Parties.
7. Actively pursue, where opportunity permits, projects which are mutually beneficial, especially with respect to policy design and implementation, new models for pedagogically driven technology-supported course and program delivery, faculty professional development, quality assurance and other matters which, from time to time, are of mutual interest to both EDEN and ASCILITE.

In all of our collaborative efforts, respect will be shown for the independence and integrity of each organization.

Term of Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum will be in effect for three (3) years starting June 1, 2016, and expiring on May 31, 2019.

Once each year, the respective CEOs will review the way in which this MOU has functioned and agree to a program of activity and development, which, in the spirit

of collaboration and cooperation, fosters closer ties and encourages further development.

The MOU can be ended at any time with the mutual consent of each party or by the withdrawal of a party with notice of thirty (30) days.

Publicity

Publicity and information about the relationship between the two organizations requires mutual consent.

Intellectual Property

Intellectual property remains the property of those who developed it and the relationship between EDEN and ASCILITE does not in itself constitute a legal entity.

Costs

Each party is responsible for its own costs and expenses associated with all matters relating to and all transactions arising from this MOU.

Executed as an MOU.

Signed for and on behalf of **European Distance and E-Learning Network** by its duly authorized representative:

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António M. Teixeira
President

Date: 1 June 2016

Signed for and on behalf of **Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education** by its duly authorized representative:

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Associate Professor Dominique Parrish
President

Date: 1 June 2016