

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

EDEN Digital Learning Europe MTÜ,
Registered Office at Kuklase tn 16-12, 13423, Tallinn, Estonia,
Represented by Josep M. Duarte, President,
hereinafter referred to as **EDEN DLE**

And

ASCILITE

Registered Office at PO Box 350, Tugun QLD 4225 AUSTRALIA
Represented by Michael A. Cowling, President,
hereinafter referred to as **ASCILITE**.

The purpose of this Memorandum is to promote and enhance cooperation between **EDEN DLE** and **ASCILITE**. The activities undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding are based on a spirit of cooperation and reciprocity that is intended to be of mutual benefit to both parties.

EDEN Digital Learning Europe was created to continue the operation of the 30-year-old European Distance and E-Learning Network once the United Kingdom left the European Community. In 2019, EDEN Digital Learning Europe was registered as a not-for-profit association under Estonian law to continue EDEN UK legacy: share knowledge and improve understanding amongst professionals in distance and e-learning and promote policy and practice across the whole of Europe and beyond.

ASCILITE was formed in 1983 and currently has over 1,900 individual members representing over 100 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.

ASCILITE expresses its willingness to contribute to a strategic partnership with **EDEN DLE** in the following ways:

ASCILITE	EDEN DLE
Promote EDEN conferences, research workshops and other initiatives, as ASCILITE’s European partner, by sharing in the Online Learning News newsletter, distributed bi-weekly to 40,000 plus individuals, as well as on the teachonline.ca website	Promote ASCILITE events, such as webinars or other initiatives, as EDEN’s Australasian partner, through EDEN’s organizational newsletters and online channels
Help EDEN identify Australasian groups and organizations and facilitate further opportunity for connection, collaboration and contribution	Help ASCILITE identify European groups and organizations and facilitate further opportunity for connection, collaboration, and contribution
Help identify opportunities and facilitate EDEN participation in conferences and symposia in Australasia that can further EDEN’s mandates	Help identify opportunities and facilitate ASCILITE participation in conferences and symposia in Europe that can further ASCILITE’s mandates
Help EDEN identify Australasian opportunities to share and help collaboratively replicate models, technologies, pedagogies, or other tools used in distance education	Help ASCILITE identify European opportunities to share and help collaboratively replicate models, technologies, pedagogies, or other tools used in distance education

Such cooperation and contact will be at the institutional level.

Both parties understand that all financial arrangements will have to be negotiated and agreed upon as specific written agreements. Specific details for the implementation of activities will be developed mutually for each project.

Both institutions subscribe to the policy of equal opportunity and do not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, age, ethnicity, religious belief, national origin or physical disability.

This memorandum is valid from the date of its signing by both parties for a period of five (5) years, unless cancelled by either party in writing by giving at least six (6) months advanced notice. It may be revised or modified at any time by mutual consent in writing. An extension to the initial five-year period can be made in writing by further agreement between both parties.

Whilst the purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to outline an educational and management framework between the two parties, designed to promote, the parties do not intend to be legally bound to each other, and this Memorandum of Understanding does not impose legal obligations on either party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have affixed their signatures, as follows:

EDEN DLE

Barcelona, Spain

By:

Josep M. Duarte
President

Date:

ASCILITE

Brisbane, Australia

By:



Michael A. Cowling
President

Date: **16th January 2024**