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Preparing future teachers for the strategic use of ICT: A project-based approach

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Pedagogical Problem

- Need for teachers who can strategically & effectively integrate ICT into their teaching practices
- But limited strategic use of technology in schools in Luxembourg (Reuter, Busana & Linckels, 2016)
 - Mainly "directed instruction" EdTech practices
 - Digital tools for quizzing pupils
 - Missing out on the affordances of digital tools for engaging, deep and meaningful learning



General objectives

Develop our future teacher students' educational design competencies

- respond to existing needs in the field
- review existing solutions
- design solutions that are scientifically grounded
- implement solutions in the field
- document, reflect & improve
- share inspiring practices



Specific objectives

- analyse and evaluate different types of digital media and technologies in terms of their didactic underpinnings,
- select different types of digital media and technologies with regard to specified learning objectives,
- plan and implement the use of digital media and technologies in a meaningful way,
- document and evaluate the use of digital media and technologies with regard to teaching/learning processes and learning outcomes

Existing Solutions

- Lecture students on "best practices" in EdTech
 - have them remember those & test them on recall in an exam
 - have them apply these in classrooms to show that they know how to act
- BUT: they need to rely on our authority to "know" that these practices are "best practices"
- AND: if they encounter new issues then they might not know what "cards to pull out of the bag"
- AND: some of the tools that we might lecture them about will not exist in the future
- DOES NOT help them become creative problem-solvers and flexible educational designers



Our Solution

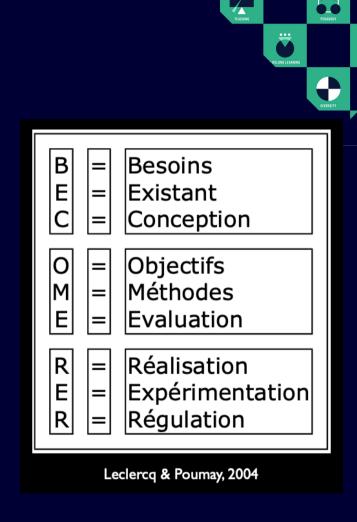
Workshops in Educational Design using a Project-Based Learning approach

- Engaging learning experiences that involve students in complex, real-world, authentic projects through which they develop and apply skills and knowledge;
- A strategy that recognises that significant learning taps students' inherent drive to learn, capability to do important work, and the need to be taken seriously;
- Learning in which curricular outcomes can be identified up-front, but in which the outcomes of the student's learning process are neither predetermined nor fully predictable;
- Learning that requires students to draw from many information sources and disciplines in order to solve problems;
- Experiences through which students learn to manage and allocate resources such as time and materials.

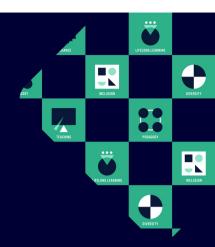


Tasks

- 1. Define an educational challenge situation
- 2. Review & analyse existing solutions
- 3. Conceive, design & plan ICT-enriched Learning Situations
- 4. Give & Get Peer Review
- 5. Plan documentation of Learning Processes & Outcomes
- 6. Enact one ICT-enriched Learning Situation
- 7. Document Learning Processes & Outcomes
- 8. Evaluate Learning Processes & Outcomes
- 9. Revise and adjust your integration strategy
- 10. Create a video teaser
- 11. Present your work during a Gallery Walk session



Products



- Per technology integration scenario:
- Teaser video (problem, existing solutions, their solution, opt. insights from pilot testing)
- Detailed lesson plan for teachers
- Short description
- Illustrative material for Gallery Walk session

Resources

TRIPLE E Framework: What is it?

Extend

The Triple E is a practical framework that measures the degree to which the technology in a lesson is helping students meet the learning goals. Unlike other technology frameworks, the Triple E Framework focus is on the learning goals, and not specific technology tools. The framework draws on educational research concerning effective and ineffective practices with technology tools from the past two decades. The Triple E measurement tool was developed specially for K-12 teachers and administrators to use in lesson plan development, evaluation of the potential effectiveness of educational apps in learning, and evaluation of the potential effectiveness of tech tools in lesson plans.

The framework is based on three components: Engagement in learning goals, Enhancement of learning goals, and Extension of learning goals. While these terms are often used interchangeably, they are distinct and different. The Triple E Framework defines each component shares what makes each piece unique. While not a perfect science, the Triple E measurement tool provides a benchmark for what educators should be thinking about when considering a technology tool for learning.

http://www.tripleeframework.com/about.html

Does the technology create a bridge between school learning and everyday life experiences?

Does the technology allow students to build grit skills, that they can use in their everyday lives?

Does the technology tool aid students in developing a more sophisticated understanding of the content.

Does the technology create scaffolds to make it easier to understand concepts or ideas

Does the technology allow students to demonstrate their understanding of content that they could not do traditionally

Does the technology allow students to focus on the assignment or activity with less distraction

Does the technology motivate students

Does the technology cause a shift in the behavior of the

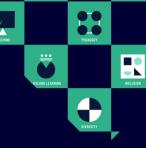
students, where they move from passive to active learners

to start the learning process

Does the technology create opportunities for students

to learn outside of their typical school day?

1. Their own TPACK from other courses in the BSCF



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- 2. Taxonomy of Teaching & Learning Events (Leclercq & Poumay, 2005)
- 3. TRIPLE E Framework by Kolb (2017)
- 4. Examples from previous years
- 5. Two Coaches
- 6. Peer Review

Constraints

- 1. EdTech scenarios must be grounded in **socio- constructivist theories of learning**
- 2. Target audience must be pupils in K-6 & VP
- 3. One of the 3 scenarios must be tried out in a real-world setting, does not have to be a classroom/during their internship
- 4. Their voice must be hearable in the teaser videos

Sharing & Publishing

- Presenting & discussing their EdTech Practices with teachers from the field during a CPD session at IFEN
- Sharing inspiring EdTech Practices with the world: <u>oer-bsce.uni.lu</u>

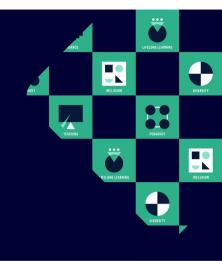
Observations





- 1. Generally well-received course
- 2. Great feedback from professionals
- 3. Some students struggle with this project-based approach, but they might also struggle with more "directed instruction" approaches
- 4. Not easy to create "community of learners" culture
- 5. Rooms in MSA are less than ideal

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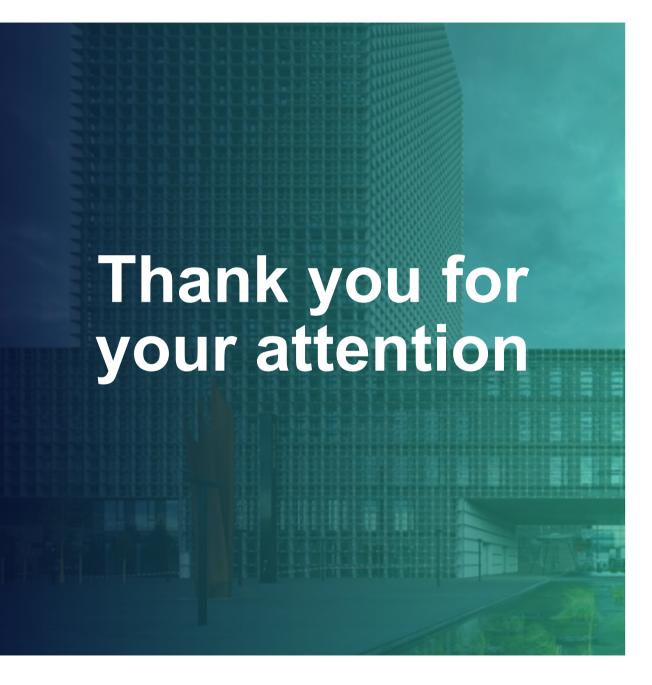
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Conclusions

Our innovative teaching approach aligns with the everevolving landscape of education, where adaptability and creativity are highly valued.

As we prepare our students to **become future professionals**, we **empower** them to think beyond conventional approaches and **challenge the status quo**.

The "EdTech design projects" are **not just assignments**; they are **catalysts for transformation**, fostering a **culture of innovation and excellence** in teacher training.



Let's keep in touch



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