USEM workshop: introduction
Heerlen, LEX 3rd of June 2009

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Topics
- Welcome.
- Focus and ambition of this USEM workshop.
- Getting acquainted.
- Defining the needs & setting the scene.
- Agenda of workshop.

Welcome
- Welcome by Thijs de Soede on behalf of USEM.
- Welcome on behalf of OUNL by Marlies Bitter-Rijpkema.
- Short introduction into OUNL & Celstec expertise.

Welcome at the Open University of the Netherlands
- Distance education.
- Innovation, technology-enhanced learning.
- Teacher training in the Netherlands (influx).

OUNL, some facts & figures
- Founded in 1984.
- 19000 students (parttime).
- Adult education, continuous education.
- 15 local study centers in the Netherlands and Flanders.
- Main office in Heerlen.

CELSTEC, Centre for Learning Sciences and Technologies
- ± 90 fte scientific staff; 10 fte support staff.
- R&D in learning sciences technologies:
  - MA in Learning Sciences,
  - Programme on Learning & Cognition,
  - Learning Networks,
  - Learning Media.
- Instructional design: learning tasks, arrangements, assessments.
Objectives of the USEM workshop

- Investigation of the possibilities of “distance learning” and learning communities for USEM.
- Exploration and getting acquainted with relevant tools, nowadays readily available and relevant for USEM.
- Setting the agenda for further actions, especially effective sharing Bonn standardization training course knowledge and experiences with the target user groups.
- Knowledge sharing and community formation for empowerment via a distance learning and community approaches for USEM, EDEAN users.

Getting acquainted

Sketch or write down two advices which should be applied to USEM’s design of a distance learning community.

- Introduce yourself.
- Share your needs, interests and first ideas for the workshop.
- Mention eventually practical issues.

Method

Theory
Practice
Participative design explorations
@USEM learning network

Workshop agenda 3rd June (day 1)

10.00 -10.15: Opening
10.15 -11.10: Introduction
11.10 -11.30: Coffee break
11.30 -12.30: Diagnosing USEM requirements
12.30-13.30 Lunch
13.30 -16.30 Sharing knowledge using Web2.0 technology
16.30 -17.00 Round up day 1

Workshop agenda 4rd June (Day 2)

09.00 -09.10: Opening.
09.10 -10.30: Accessibility for web-based distance learning.
10.30 -11.00: Coffee break.
11.00 -12.30: Empowerment and learning in communities.
12.30-13.30 Lunch.
13.30 -14.30 Defining strategies for USEM learning community.
14.30 -15.00 Round up day 2 and closure of workshop.
Time for the coffee break