



## 7th seminar of the Educational Repositories Network

### Opening Keynote

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It's a great pleasure for us, the National Centre for Educational Documentation (CNDP), to host the 7<sup>th</sup> EdReNe Seminar of the Educational Repositories Network that shares expertise on digital educational repositories providing material to all those involved in education.

This 7<sup>th</sup> event follows on the knowledge sharing and exchange of the network, originally funded by the European Commission eContent*plus* program from 2007 to 2010. EdReNe work is motivated by the increasing development of services providing digital educational resources for teachers and learners offered throughout Europe.

As the development of the uses of ICT in Education emerges as a crucial point for all the EdReNe member countries, it is essential to take into account the final users' needs and practices to provide appropriate repositories. EdReNe members discuss the design, use, improvement and future of educational repositories. The central subjects of the discussions are the strategies and policies, the interoperability and standards for educational technologies, the legal issues and the involvement of users and producers.

Nowadays, a great deal of educational digital material is available on the Internet. Educational institutions, such as the Ministry for National Education, Youth and Community Life, the CNDP, the regional offices and local authorities, regard giving visibility to quality resources as a fundamental issue.

In 2010, The Ministry for National Education, Youth and Community Life, launched a development plan on the uses of digital technologies in schools. For Luc Chatel, "the development of the use of ICT in educational practices represents a real opportunity to develop the schools and to improve the learners' outcomes. The Information and Communication Technologies for Education (ICTE) are practical tools to individualize education, for teachers, pupils, parents and at a wider scope throughout the educational community. The use of digital tools, inside and outside the classroom, raises the pupils' attention and is an asset to fight against academic failure.

At a time when digital tools are ubiquitous in society, in social relations and in the business world, the acquisition of digital competencies is crucial for a future successful social and professional integration. An essential mission for education is to give all the basics to the future citizen to integrate the information and digital society: the multiplication of exchanges and sources of information involves an



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education for a responsible use of Internet and information and communication technologies»<sup>1</sup>

The plan for the development of the uses of ICT in education is aiming at 5 objectives:

1. Facilitating the access to available digital quality material for educational teams, by the means of a national portal and dedicated funding.
2. Training and supporting teachers in schools to integrate digital tools in their pedagogy.
3. Generalizing digital services to open schools to the outside world.
4. Reaffirming the partnership with local communities organizing a call for projects to provide the best conditions for the development of the uses of ICT.
5. Training pupils to the responsible use of information and communication technologies.

Today, for you, experts of the educational repositories issues, this seminar is a new opportunity to share experiences about the new advances made in this field of knowledge. The themes that will guide your thoughts are the repositories containing free and commercial content, the repositories and initiatives involving mobile devices, the repositories for learners with special education needs, the curriculum mapping problem and the news and priorities of the EdReNe members.

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I wish you an excellent work and rich knowledge sharing.

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<sup>1</sup> Plan de développement des usages du numérique à l'école, page 3.  
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