

# Concept note

## 2022 Thematic Peer Working Group on Impact for OER repositories

### Introduction

ENCORE+ is an ongoing European initiative responding to the priorities of opening up and modernising the European education and training sector through a coordinated European OER ecosystem.

OER are “teaching, learning and research materials in any medium – digital or otherwise – that reside in the public domain or have been released under an open license that permits no cost access, use, adaptation and redistribution by others with no or limited restrictions” (UNESCO). ENCORE+ supports the **uptake of OER through business and academia** by taking a leading role in formulating the value propositions for OER usage for academia and the world of work and bringing both sectors together into a **Knowledge Alliance**.

ENCORE+ has identified that there is a distinct lack of an integrated **European OER quality** assurance mechanism (including credentialing) both in business and academia. The initiative will consolidate existing sectoral quality frameworks in order to build a European overarching **consensus on quality for learning through OER** and frameworks for professional development in this area.

Find more about the ENCORE+ Project at [www.encoreproject.eu](http://www.encoreproject.eu)

**Concept: Creation of a series of short-term Peer Working Groups on Quality, as part of the [ENCORE+ Quality Circle activities](#)**

**The first event will take at the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 10:00 - 12:30 am.**

ENCORE+ has started to develop the European open & community-led quality review framework for OER and open education which will result in a consensus based and integrated European OER quality paradigm and assurance mechanism to increase impact of repositories to their communities. **In order to do so we will identify the key quality concerns for future OER repositories, communities and users.**

The impact recommendation/ quality framework can be used by repository owners, by professionals and leaders in higher education and businesses and will comprise a

quality charter for users. The concept will be constructed as an open and adaptable framework which serves to identify quality improvement potential.

In this perspective, the ENCORE+ Peer working groups will feed the activities of the Quality Circle. The circle brings together participants from different European repositories using OER, who will work jointly on the quality approaches seen in their good practices during the period from March 2022 to July 2022. Each participating institution can bring a maximum of two representatives to the meetings, who attends preferably all meetings.

The ENCORE+ Project is furthermore organising community circles on OER Technology, OER Policies and Innovation through OER.

[Link to OER Technology](#)

[Link to OER Policy & Practice](#)

[Link to Innovation and business models Circle](#)

### Timeline of Events

Schedule	March-July 2022
Session 1 25.03.22 10-12:30 am	- Kick-Off Meeting with our participants
Session 2	- Collection and discussion of the quality approaches for OER - Work out best case scenarios of practical use of OER
Session 3	- Discuss possibly tried ways to use OER in practice referring to the results of session 1
Session 4	- Develop an overarching framework of OER quality

- After our sessions we will prepare a report in which we outline the results and key conclusions of our meetings. This will be used for developing the final Overarching Framework for the quality approaches on OER. [Link to project](#)
- [Link to Quality – Position Paper No. 1](#)
- [Link to quality-circle page](#)
- [Link to apply](#)



# Terms

## Application and selection process

All interested actors shall apply by 06<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

The selection of group members will be done primarily on the basis of motivation of experience of participants, as demonstrated in the application (e.g. already existing quality experiences, schemes, approaches, currently ongoing projects, etc.).

Additionally, we will also consider following aspects:

- geographical diversity;
- balance of repository profiles;

## Conditions for participation

All meetings will be held virtually and will therefore not require any travel. There is no participation fee for the thematic peer groups.

## Social Media Use

The members are welcome to tweet and post etc. during or after a meeting, but they should inform the other members before posting or sharing documents, photos, or screenshots. These group pictures may also be used in promoting further ENCORE+ activities.

We will invite participants to mutually enter into community-based quality review processes.

Organizations interested in participating in the thematic peer group are invited to fill in the online application, available [here](#), by 06.02.2022.

For further questions please contact Emily Rauch ([emily.rauch@dhw-karlsruhe.de](mailto:emily.rauch@dhw-karlsruhe.de)).

## Website

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