

## **Developing a virtual centre of open learning and teaching materials for adult education in Germany**

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## Introduction

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### Activities

German Education Server – [bildungsserver.de](http://bildungsserver.de) – [eduserver.de](http://eduserver.de)

Searchengine for further education courses – [iwwb.de](http://iwwb.de)

### OER – activities

2015: Whitepaper OER in Adult and Further Education (2015) – Survey and Potential Analysis

2016: Feasibility Study : Developing and Running OER Infrastructures for Education in Germany

Since 2017: OER information hub for Germany: OERinfo – [o-e-r.de](http://o-e-r.de)

## Adult Education in Germany

- Public funded adult education  
Main topics: integration, inclusion, literacy, citizen participation – supported by the government
- Private enterprise adult education an in-company trainings  
Main topics: further or continuing education, career development – supported and organized by economy-based organizations (chambers of commerce and industry - DIHK.de, chamber of crafts – handwerkskammer.de)

## Frame

OER activities are examined in both adult education sectors

The results of all OER activities have been accompanied by continuing review processes with experts and the OER community.

Funding: German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and Bertelsmann Stiftung

## Results

2015 OER noticed as an upcoming idea – real relevance to adult education unclear

2016 OER is an interesting possibility – discussion and interest increase

2017/2018 OER as a thematic field in adult education is a fact

## Concerns

- unclear legal situation
- lack of know-how
- lack of technical equipment
- the benefits of content sharing are not apparent

## Benefits

- teaching and learning material for free use, remix and redistribute
- new learning and teaching materials for a new teaching/learning
- CC-licences improve the legal situation trainers and learners are exposed
- sharing culture supports trainers' self-marketing
- materials based on public funding could be OER from the beginning



## Current state of the development 2018 - I

- OER as an interesting source for teaching and learning materials in adult education is taken as a fact
- Instruments were developed and launched:
  - OERinfo – central information platform and networking
  - vhs.cloud – course and learning space for further education courses

## Current state of the development 2018 – II

If OER were so useful - where can I get them?

Projected repository: developing a platform for OER in adult education -  
an idea with multiple challenges

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Searching for material pools

- true OER
- material with the potential to get OER
- free online floating material

Searching for partners and networking

- German association of adult education
- German Institute of Adult Education
- erwachsenenbildung.at - Austria

Projected repository: developing a platform for OER in adult education

Search for technical solutions

- hosting different media (PDF-, Office-documents, movies, podcasts...)
- tools for creating and mixing materials
- establish connectivity between different platforms and learning environments

Search for funding

- sponsoring and funding possibilities

## **Current state of the discussion 2018 – III**

Discussions alongside and beyond infrastructures:

### **Competencies**

DigComp - <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/digcomp>

### **Didactics**

Didactics in digital based learning environments is urgently needed

...to be continued

OERcamps in Germany 2018

<https://www.oercamp.de>





Thank you!

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