

## **An integrated solution to virtual mobility barriers**

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## Final Conference in Turkey

Education in Europe: From Distance Learning to Virtual Mobility

UbiCamp Project Final Conference

Yaşar University

Izmir –TURKEY

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*The final conference of the “UbiCamp – Integrated Solution to Virtual Mobility Barriers”* project has aimed to bring together researchers, professionals, policy makers, NGO representatives and students related with virtual mobility and distance learning in Europe.

The conference has been a unique opportunity to discuss and develop deeper perspectives on virtual mobility and distance learning in Europe, it has also provided a platform for brainstorming virtual mobility issues in higher education establishments.

There were 91 participant has taken part in the conference and parallel sessions of UbiCamp conference. Participants have possibility to follow the conference online web, the [www.unicamp.eu](http://www.unicamp.eu) was screened 119 times by 60 users from 8 different countries.

UbiCamp conference has been opened by Prof. Dr. Murat Barkan, Rector, Yaşar University and Prof. Antonio Teixeira, President of EDEN (European Distance and E-Learning Network)

Antonio Texeira, President of EDEN (European Distance and E-Learning Network) in his presentation “Scalling up Virtual Mobility” has talked about challenges and opportunities of an innovative form of experiencing learning. UbiCamp project manager Aquilino A. Juan from University of Oviedo (Spain) has presented the project and the main outputs.



Antonio Texeira, President of EDEN



UbiCamp project manager Aquilino A. Juan

Prof. Dr. Ugur Demiray, President of UDEEEWANA from Anadolu University has presented experiences United Distance Education for Eastern Europe, Western Asia and Northern Africa „UDEEEWANA“.



*Prof. Dr. Ugur Demiray, President of UDEEEWANA*



*Participants of the conference*

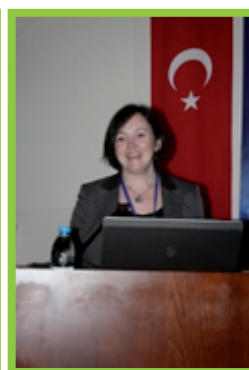
After the coffee break where all participants have discussed the situation of virtual and distance issues at their university, prof. Su White from University of Southampton (United Kingdom) in her presentation „Beyond Virtual Campus“ has presented Virtual Mobility Technologies. Then assoc. prof. dr. Airina Volungeviciene from Vytautas Magnus University (VMU, Lithuania) presented the development of VM in Europe. Prof. dr. Vilmante Kumpikaitė-Valiūnienė from Kaunas University of Technology (Lithuania) had an urgent for young people presentation about Distance Learning and Social Media.



*Dr. Su White, Southampton University*



*Dr. V. Kumpikaitė-Valiūnienė, KTU*



*Dr. Airina Volungeviciene, VMU*

## Conference parallel sessions experiences

After the break, parallel sessions have been moderated by chairs Prof. Antonio TEIXEIRA, President of EDEN and Prof. Dr. Ugur DEMIRAY, President of UDEEEWANA.

Participants have discussed on two topics- Virtual Mobility & Learning Communities and Distance Learning & Educational Technology.

Participants from Portugal, Lithuania, UK and Turkey have discussed about teaching and learning languages in virtual platforms, experience in delivery of international joint study programmes facilitated by virtual learning environments and video-conferencing, educational solutions in virtual reality: the case of Second Life, action research in online executive education: the use of virtual dialogues to engage a global post-graduate learning community and social networking services and platforms for building learning communities.

In the section “Distance Learning & Educational Technology” participants from Turkey and Poland have discussed about distance education theories, the role of technology in higher education, governmental organization’s goals of distance education for in-service training, educational technology male students’ perceptions in Kuwait of the potential value of using this App in a college setting and distance learning cases in Poland.

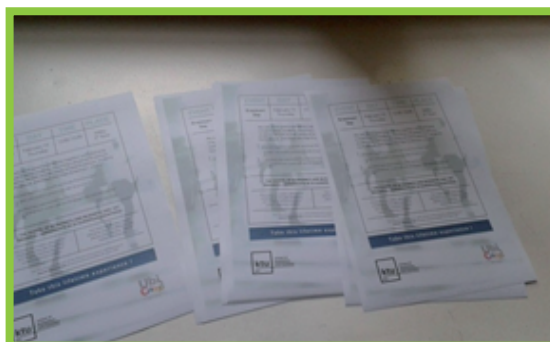


*Moments from parallel sessions at UbiCamp conference*

## VM events in partners countries

### Erasmus+ Day in Kaunas University of Technology

On 19th of February Erasmus+ Day together with UbiCamp has been organized in Kaunas University of Technology. UbiCamp project results have been presented. After discussions with students, it has been evaluated that this form of studying is very urgent and interesting for them.



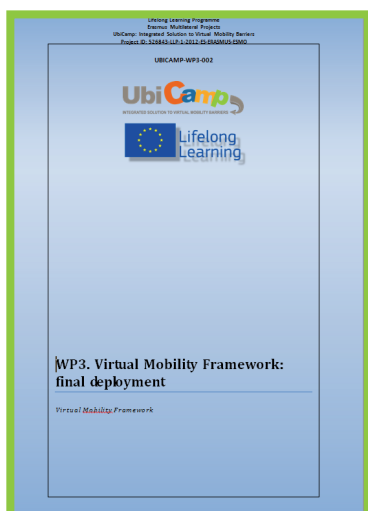
### UbiCamp events for lectures and LieDM association in Vytautas Magnus University

On the 23rd of January Vytautas Magnus University team held the seminar for University teachers. The main aim of the seminar was to raise awareness on the procedures of virtual mobility sharing UBICAMP project experience. UBICAMP virtual mobility experience was presented together with the procedures how to provide the course for virtual mobility, how are procedures of students' call, application, selection, registration and virtual mobility recognition organized.

On the 13th of March UBICAMP virtual mobility experience was presented to the representatives of Lithuanian Association of Distance and E. Learning (LieDM association). Participants expressed their willingness to implement Virtual Mobility in their educational institutions and agreed that this seminar was a good opportunity to get procedural knowledge on virtual mobility organization.



## VM framework



The final Virtual Mobility Framework has been produced by partners. It will be translated in all languages and distributed among interested parties and target groups of the UbiCamp project.

The main goal of this document is to present how the UbiCamp framework designed was finally deployed by partners to carry out the Virtual Mobility between the Institutions involved in this pilot experience.

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