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Questionnaire design

The first section was about the planning and development of the O1, based on the results of prior researches and surveys, quality of the documents:

- Clear objectives, planned activities
- · Research Plan, results of National Reports and best practice
- Preparation work
- etc.

The second section dealed with implementation phase. The items to be valued were:

- Progress of the project
- Schedules and quality of the documentation
- Objectives of the OpenQAsS Toolkit
- etc.

The third section dealed with working methods. It included several items:

- Collaboration among the partners and their roles
- Partners' responsibilities
- Next tasks of coming phases
- Goals achievement
- etc.

The fourth section was about dissemination, as follows:

- Activity of the partners
- · Activity of the Consortium
- · Balancing of tasks

The final part of the questionnaire allowed partners to include any other comment or suggestion regarding all those aspects not dealt with in the questionnaire, or aspects that should be taken into further account.





Evaluation of the questionnaire

The partners filled out the evaluation questionnaire on the project portal:

http://openqass.itstudy.hu/en/content/evaluation-o1-qa-system-practice-european-vet-institutions-study

After the deadline iTStudy collected the answers (from 9 responders), summarized them and made this evaluation.

Each partner has given a specific valuation, considering a 1-to-4 scale (where 1 means "stongly disagree", 2 means "disagree", 3 means "agree" and 4 means "strongly agree"); and 1-to-5 scale (where 1 means "excellent", 2 means "good", 3 means "satisfactory", 4 means "less than satisfactory" and 5 means "very poor"). According to this, the most significant results are described.

Designing phase

Designing phase

	I STRONGLY DISAGREE	I DISAGREE	I AGREE	L STRONGLY AGREE
At the kick-off meeting the Coordinator and the Leader of O1 stage clearly outlined the aims, the objectives and the plan to be undertaken to achieve the goals of this phase of the project	1	1	0	7
As a partner, we understand the objectives of O1 and the planned activities in the work package.	1	1	3	4
The Research Plan identifies some of the key questions to be asked.	2	0	4	3
The structure of the National Reports was clearly defined.	0	2	2	5
The goal to collect information on existing ICT supported Quality Assurance Systems so as to identify current practice was fully supported by all the partners.	1	1	2	5
The partners agreed that those countries with best Quality Assurance practice should be chosen for further study.	2	0	2	5
Questions for interviewing the Principles or Managers of VET schools and VET providers were agreed among the partners.	0	1	2	6

Regarding the **first section** ("Designing phase" see above), the evaluation given to the statements of the first section is quite positive in general (diagram see below). The less valued have been the theme of Research Plan and best Quality Assurance practice, where two-two respondents valued them as "strongly disagree". The statement with the highest value has been the coordinators and Leader of O1 stage's preparing, where most of the participants (7 of 9) "strongly agree" with it.

Implementation

Implementation

	I STRONGLY DISAGREE	I DISAGREE	I AGREE	I STRONGLY AGREE
The implementation phase of O1 was efficient and ran smoothly	0	0	5	3
Partners submitted their documents on time.	1	2	4	1
The review and comparison of the National Reports was delivered on time.	0	2	4	2
Both the content and the format of the final documents meet the requirements defined in the proposal.	1	1	3	4
All partners followed the agreed structure of the National Reports.	1	2	2	4
The Consortium managed to complete O1 related outcomes on time.	1	2	3	3
The conclusions based on the analysis of this phase will help the Consortium to design an OpenQAsS Toolkit.	0	1	5	3
The outcomes from the multiplier events in Italy (E1,E2, E3) have provided good insight and will contribute to designing an OpenQASS Toolkit.	0	1	5	3
The outcomes from the multiplier event (E4) in Hungary has provided good insight and will contribute to designing an OpenQASS Toolkit.	0	1	5	3

For **second section**, dealing with the "Implementation". The less valued have been the documentation, management and implementation of agreement areas of this stage, where respondents valued them as "strongly disagree". The most of questions were valued as "agree" or "strongly agree"; so this phase has proved successful, in general.





Working methods

Working methods

	I STRONGLY DISAGREE	I DISAGREE	I AGREE	L STRONGLY AGREE
The collaboration among the partners was intensive.	0	0	5	3
The collaboration among the partners was effective.	0	0	5	3
The document templates served as well designed tools for standardisation of the final outcomes.	0	0	4	4
The online platform supported the collaboration and communication among the partners.	0	0	3	5
The leader of O1 achieved all goals	0	1	5	3
The Coordinator kept the partners informed on progress and made them aware of their next tasks during this phase.	1	1	1	6
There was a high level of e-mail activity during this work phase.	1	3	3	2
The partner meetings (Budapest, Alcala) helped to reach the expected quality of the O1 phase.	0	1	3	5

Third section is dealing with the "Working methods". The most highly valued item have been about the information exchange between the Coordinator and the partners. On the other hand, the item that has been less valued the email activity, which means that the major stream of the information was the forum.

Dissemination

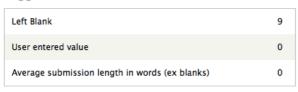
Dissemination related to O1

	EXCELLENT	GOOD	SATISFACTORY	LESS THAN SATISFACTORY	VERY POOR
In the 01 phase, the dissemination activity of my institute was	2	2	3	1	0
In the 01 phase, the dissemination activity of the Consortium was	0	4	3	1	0
In the 01 phase, the dissemination activities were well balanced among the partners	1	3	3	1	0
The quality of the dissemination materials (EN/HU/IT/ES) was	2	5	1	0	0
The OpenQAsS portal as dissemination tool is	5	2	1	0	0

The next, **fourth section** is about "Dissemination". Nearly everybody (5 of 8) was satisfied with the portal as dissemination tool. The "outside" activities were not so highly appreciated, so this question was the less valued area by respondents.

Suggestions and Comments

Suggestions



Comments

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Suggestions by partners

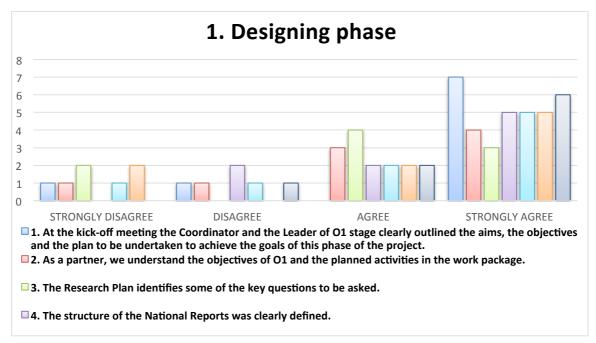
The partners could give suggestion for improving the planning of the coming transnational meeting. There was not any comment in this part.

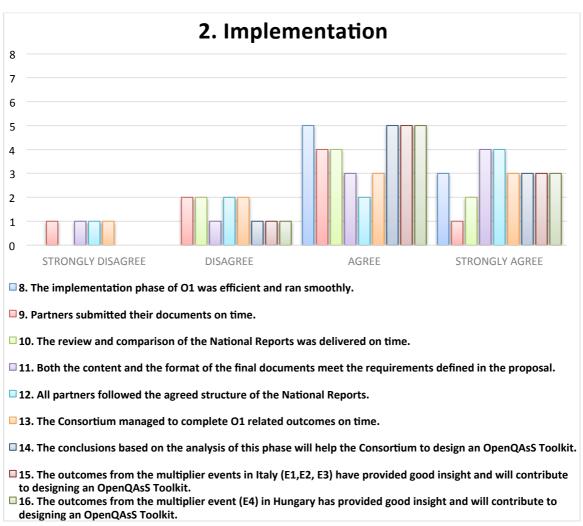
Comments

Partners willing to do so, were able to include any suggestion regarding all those aspects not deals with in the questionnaire or aspects that should be taken into further account. There was not any comment for this section.



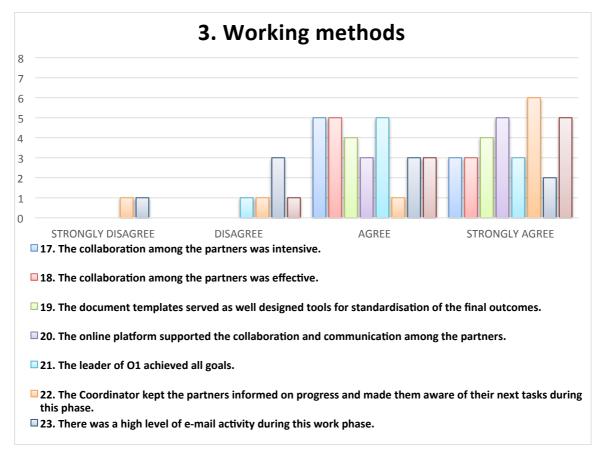


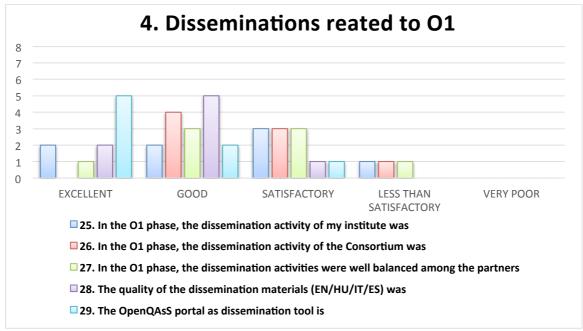












According to the responses of the Evaluation questionnaire we can declare, that basically all partner was satisfied with the O1 outcome of the **OpenQAsS** project. If it's possible, it would be important to keep this quality of organising for the upcoming meetings as well.

