



The Origin of Spaces toolbox teams are groups of people across the project partners; they include creative professionals, digital specialists, visual artists and digital learning experts.

What has happened so far with the toolbox?

The Origin of Spaces toolbox will be the end result of 3 years of collaborative working from 6 Organisations across Europe. It is an on line space that can be easily accessed by anyone wishing to learn more about the 5 key themes in our project, Ecological Transition, Coworking, Social Entrepreneurship, Participatory Governance and Public/Private Partnerships. We are targeting 3 end user profiles, those already in a multi disciplinary hub, external stakeholders and those wishing to create a hub or be part of the movement. Inside the toolbox will

be all the knowledge, know how and methods from the partners as well as an e learning tool to understand the basics in each theme. The ultimate aim of the toolbox is to share best practice and support and encourage people to start a hub.

At the start of the project during the kick off meeting in Bordeaux in October 2014 the first toolbox workshop session took place. We looked at the ideas behind the toolbox and generated suggestions about what the end users of the toolbox might want to see. In the first

year of the project the toolbox team had simple tasks about info gathering generating ideas and benchmarking, also testing out some e learning platforms and sharing our thoughts about how best to create our own.

As the toolbox teams could not meet in person on a regular basis the toolbox co coordinator, Deb Astell from Capture Projects in London, created a Meet the Team prezi so we could begin to know each other better and understand who we all are and what we do and like!

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[Click here to meet the teams!](#)



What we have done so far

The first task for the toolbox teams was to get to know each other, a prezi was created that allowed us all to see who we are and learn something about each other.

One of the questions was about favorite music, the music was turned into a toolbox mix tape that each toolbox team member received a copy of!

Here is the link to the first task:



The second task began the work of researching and benchmarking, seeing what existed already and beginning a database of e learning sites that we all liked.

Fred Garnett the toolbox expert from Capture also created a slideshare about our thoughts and ideas about the toolbox

<http://www.slideshare.net/fredgarnett/ooseu-oolbox>

Thirdly we played a virtual game called like don't like, the idea was to find the best websites and also the worst websites and say why we liked them or didn't!

<http://www.captureprojects.org/captureprojects/Blank.html>



Here is the link to the second task



About the teams, who are we?

What did we learn?

We learned that in the team we have a brilliant skill set that ranged from artists, designers, digital experts, web designers, DJ's (lots of those for some reason!) e learning experts, visual data designers, coworkers, musicians. The list goes on. We had a lot of things in common and the makings of a very interesting collaborative team.

One thing that struck me was how we all liked culture, creativity and the arts, whether that was music, film, or books and that a lot of us have a passion for the environment and the outdoors. In response to that during our transnational meeting in London in July we will spend part of the time working outdoors in a community wild garden undertaking some creative challenges for team

building, with music involved of course!

We learned that we all had great ideas and visions for the toolbox and that everyone is excited about this part of the OOS project. The project partners in Lisbon, LX Factory, have some key team members who have extensive digital skills and together with Fred Garnett from the UK team have set up a small sub group to explore ideas and possibilities about what would be the best platform for us to build our toolbox with.

The results from the second task gave us a useful e learning database and each partner will be testing out an existing platform to see what we can learn about what exists already, we will discuss these results at the meeting in July and see what we discovered.

Results from the sub group

The Toolbox might be a knowledge repository (like Wikipedia), eLearning resource like [Udemy](#) - or [Biblio](#) or [xlearn.net](#), or a social network (like [Ning](#)), or an organic, dynamic resource that grows in year 3 as we bring in other stakeholders. Then came the idea of a hackathon, held in each of the partner countries, so that we build our own Toolbox! A Hackathon would allow us to do both the build ourselves but also scope the skill set across the 5 partners. What we want the final toolbox to do will probably evolve as well.

Toolbox timelines also emerged in this process. Ideally to complete the hackathon in June so we can go to the next meeting in July in London knowing what we want to build and get agreement on it.

An initial idea from the UK team was to have a 5 steps to transition approach in the toolbox as an e

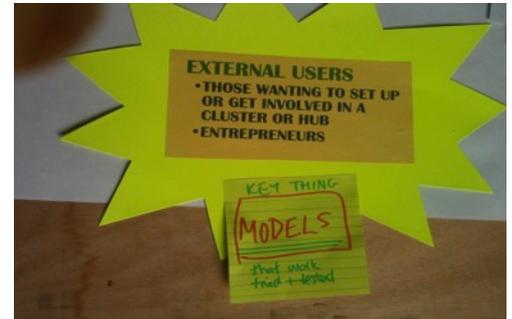
learning tool, step one if you had zero knowledge and up to step 5 enough knowledge and skills to start a hub. These 5 steps could be from the partner's research about themselves, how did they begin? What are the key moments of transition? Etc. We had an intensive ideas session with a UK start up called Biblio who explained how their platform focuses on self directed learning and that we could use such a platform for our toolbox instead of building from scratch as this is very costly.

So Hackathon or using an existing platform?? These are the questions we will be considering over the next few months!

Here are 2 prezis about the toolbox:

What is the toolbox?  PREZI

First ideas emerge  PREZI



KEY Questions

1. What do the end users need?
2. How do we gather this information?
3. How do we build our toolbox?
4. What platform could we use? Do we have to build our own?
5. In terms of budget what can we achieve?
6. Could we do something innovative like a series of hackathons?

These are questions that we will be considering over the next few months in preparation for the official start of the toolbox creation in Lisbon in October this year.

Understanding the needs of end users

This is a very important area of research for the toolbox teams. There is no point in assuming we know what the end users of our toolbox need, we need to find these people and organisations and ask them.

Across the partnership we are all profiles of end users, we can start by asking ourselves some key questions about what we need. Interviews and self-reflection will be underway between now and the meeting of the toolbox teams in London in July.



The next steps for the toolbox teams are:

1. Testing out an existing on line learning platform and gathering the results, what did we like, what didn't work, what could we replicate what should we avoid.
2. Undertake a needs analysis of end users internally in our organisations and externally with stakeholders
3. Collate and aggregate all the research undertaken in this first year from across the toolbox teams, see what we have learned and take our ideas forward
4. Begin the co creation and design of the platform and learning modules
5. Undertake a series of visits between the toolbox team members to share, learn and test out ideas in situ.



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