# Idea sharing in Open Professional Virtual Communities

This survey is about participation in open professional virtual communities that give users the opportunity to voluntarily exchange ideas and work collaboratively towards common interests with their peers (such as Facebook pages for professional interest, applying Google Drive, Idea Space etc.). These open professional virtual communities aim to foster collaborations beyond organizational boundaries, enabling networking and personal development of the members.

Answering this survey will take about 15 minutes of your time.

Answer questions as they relate to you. For most answers, check the box(es) most applicable to you or fill in the blanks.

#### 1. Your Age

**(Select only one.)**

17 or less

18-25

26-35

36-45

46-55

56-65

66-75

76 or more

#### 2. Your Gender

**(Select only one.)**

Female

Male

Other

#### 3. Your Institution

University

School

Company

Other, specify\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is your role in your institution? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. About Open Educational Resources

Part of this questionnaire addresses the use and remixing of open educational resources others have created. This part is not meant for all respondents and that is why we would like to ask you..

Have you used Open Educational Resources in your work?

YES / NO

### About Your Organization

Do you have a work contract in a company or in academia? Yes/No

(if no, jump over 4)

#### 5. Organizational openness

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

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|  | 1  (Strongly  disagree) | 2  (Disagree) | 3  (Neither  agree or  disagree) | 4  (Agree) | 5  (Strongly  agree) |
| My organization encourages workers to engage in cross-organizational  business opportunities |  |  |  |  |  |
| My organization puts much value on  taking risks even if that turns out to be a failure |  |  |  |  |  |
| My organization encourages employees  to start new collaborations with external stakeholders and organizations |  |  |  |  |  |
| My organization encourages employees to develop their competences as they see best |  |  |  |  |  |
| My organization encourages employees to actively promote the organization on the internet |  |  |  |  |  |
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| (conditional for 4) My organization encourages workers to use OER |  |  |  |  |  |
| (conditional for 4) My colleagues generally accept OER |  |  |  |  |  |
| (conditional for 4) My institution has established common practices for working with OER |  |  |  |  |  |

### About your previous engagement in Open Professional Virtual Communities

#### 5. Previous experience

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

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|  | 1  (Strongly  disagree) | 2  (Disagree) | 3  (Neither  agree or  disagree) | 4  (Agree) | 5  (Strongly  agree) |
| I frequently share my experiences with others in virtual communities |  |  |  |  |  |
| I usually spend a lot of time conducting exchange of ideas in virtual communities |  |  |  |  |  |
| I frequently engage with virtual communities to learn how to do things |  |  |  |  |  |
| I frequently share my thoughts with my peers in virtual communities |  |  |  |  |  |
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| (Conditional for 4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I frequently search for relevant OERs for my purposes |  |  |  |  |  |
| I frequently adapt OERs to my own local conditions |  |  |  |  |  |
| I frequently share good practices for using OER in virtual communities |  |  |  |  |  |
| I frequently share OERs with relevant virtual communities |  |  |  |  |  |

### About your preferences in Open Professional Virtual Communities

#### 6. Emotional attachment to the group and to the ideas being shared

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

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|  | 1  (Strongly  disagree) | 2  (Disagree) | 3  (Neither  agree or  disagree) | 4  (Agree) | 5  (Strongly  agree) |
| Feeling like a part of the group is important for me in virtual communities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Emotional attachment to the group of collaborators encourages me to share knowledge online, even outside my contractual obligations |  |  |  |  |  |
| Feeling a strong sense of belonging is important for me in virtual communities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Feeling a strong connection to other members of the virtual community is important for me |  |  |  |  |  |
| I get emotionally attached to the resources I am creating (writings, products, services) |  |  |  |  |  |
| I expect to be emotionally attached to the ideas I am sharing in open professional virtual environments |  |  |  |  |  |
| Feeling a strong ownership of the ideas and resources being created in the virtual community is important for me |  |  |  |  |  |

#### 7. Collaborating with peers unfamiliar to you

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

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|  | 1  (Strongly  disagree) | 2  (Disagree) | 3  (Neither  agree or  disagree) | 4  (Agree) | 5  (Strongly  agree) |
| It is important to me that I know who my collaborators are in an open professional virtual community |  |  |  |  |  |
| I prefer to collaborate only with peers I know from before in an open professional virtual community |  |  |  |  |  |
| I do not mind exchaning ideas with peers unfamiliar to me in an open professional virtual community |  |  |  |  |  |
| It is easy for me to get to know other members in open professional virtual communities |  |  |  |  |  |

#### 8. Working with ideas that haven’t matured

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

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|  | 1  (Strongly  disagree) | 2  (Disagree) | 3  (Neither  agree or  disagree) | 4  (Agree) | 5  (Strongly  agree) |
| I enjoy online collaboration on ideas that haven't matured |  |  |  |  |  |
| I enjoy engaging in collaborative settings online when ideas are still raw |  |  |  |  |  |
| I enjoy brainstorming online with my peers on how to turn raw ideas into real solutions |  |  |  |  |  |
| Being involved with the virtual community when the group is being formed increases my activity |  |  |  |  |  |
| I want to be included in the virtual community when I can best influence the direction of the ideas being exchanged |  |  |  |  |  |
| I prefer engaging to collaboration with the virtual community when idea sharing has matured and concrete outcomes and activities are foreseen |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Conditional for 4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| I enjoy building OERs in a collaborative manner |  |  |  |  |  |
| I enjoy building OER in a collaborative manner with my peers in professional virtual communities |  |  |  |  |  |
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#### 9. Outcome expectations

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

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|  | 1  (Strongly  disagree) | 2  (Disagree) | 3  (Neither  agree or  disagree) | 4  (Agree) | 5  (Strongly  agree) |
| Sharing my knowledge can build up my reputation in the open professional virtual community |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sharing my knowledge in an open professional virtual community will give me a sense of accomplishment |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sharing my knowledge will strengthen the tie between other members in the open professional virtual community and me |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sharing my knowledge will enable me to gain better cooperation from the outstanding members in the open professional virtual community |  |  |  |  |  |

#### 10. Willigness to contribute in open professional virtual communities

Please choose the appropriate response for each item:

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|  | 1  (Strongly  disagree) | 2  (Disagree) | 3  (Neither  agree or  disagree) | 4  (Agree) | 5  (Strongly  agree) |
| I plan to engage in open professional virtual communities to exchange ideas with my peers |  |  |  |  |  |
| If I had access to a relevant virtual community, I intend to engage into exchange of ideas |  |  |  |  |  |
| Given that I had access to relevant virtual communities, I predict that I would engage to exchange ideas |  |  |  |  |  |
| I will share my knowledge with others in open professional virtual communities related to my work |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Conditional for 4 |  |  |  |  |  |
| I plan to engage in open professional virtual communities to share OER |  |  |  |  |  |
| I plan to engage in open professional virtual communities to collaboratively build OER |  |  |  |  |  |
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Your information will be handled with consideration and will only be used for academic purposes and to develope the Idea Space further.

Thank you for completing this survey.