



Xlibris
Evaluation Summary
Kick-off Meeting

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The kick-off meeting has been evaluated directly after the meeting with short statements by the partners, which were recorded as videos. Additionally, the partners were asked to answer some questions in written form sometime after the meeting after they had time to reflect about the meeting and think about the different aspects and methods used during the meeting. This document is a summary of the comments by the partners.

1. What impacted you most in the kick-off meeting?

All partners mentioned in their answer to this question, that it was really good to meet the partners face-to-face and get to know their institutions in detail. It has been very useful to know the current situation concerning librarians and libraries in partners' institutions as well as to understand that we are in different situations but still have touchpoints. The diversity of the partners provided detailed information about the different kind of libraries in the sector, services they provide and way they operate.

It has also been mentioned that partners enjoyed the way of introducing the different institutions through different methods in order to get to know the state of the art in each country. In this context methods like Lego Serious Play and Business Model YOU had been used for partners to better understand them, since they will be part of the workshops in the different countries. By testing those methods with the partners it also became clear how to fine-tune the next trainings.

Another important aspect in the evaluation was that partners got a better vision of the project in general and the steps and project activities became clear.

2. How do you see the tools we used to understand our state of the art?

Partners mentioned that the form and methods were innovative, involving and really were of great use getting general information about the partner institutions and their problems and plans, generating ideas and getting some insights. Furthermore, the non-traditional methods were described as involving and encouraging and that the combination of those methods and tools enabled the partners to see the problems from different angles

All partners agreed that Lego Serious Play was really good for understanding the state of the art of the different institutions, since it reveals much more information than the traditional way of presenting an institution. Although the method Business Model YOU was received as very useful, some partners mentioned, that it would be good to have another step before using it generating a clear vision for every institution to make the Business Model YOU more clear. In addition it has been indicated, that it would be good to have more time for the Business Model YOU. One partner also mentioned the Good-Bad-Service model approach as useful, because it gives a better understanding than a simple PPT presentation.





Another participant wrote that during the next meetings we should focus much more on Smart Services, because it has not been so much in focus during this meeting.

3. What do you see different now that you didn't see before the kick-off meeting?

It was already clear from the proposal that there will be very different institutions having also different experiences in Smart ICT services. What is called a new service for one partner/institution might not at all be new for another one. During the meeting it became much more obvious where the differences are and that every partner is on a very different level in their development. On the one hand there is a great potential in that, to learn a lot from each other. On the other hand, it brings the difficulty to get a common result at the end of the project. But the partners were confident that they are striving for the same goal, development and innovations. It has also been mentioned, that the partners see the opportunities for their libraries/ institutions in the project.

The partners came to the kick-off meeting to understand who they are, what they can offer to the project and from that collaboration trigger local results but thinking at consortium level.

4. Has the kick-off meeting fulfilled the quality expectation?

Most partners mentioned that they are used to a different kind of kick-off meetings. On the one hand, due to the methods and tools used, everybody was involved and got a picture of the expectations to get on the right track. On the other hand, not all management and administrative issues could be resolved due to a lack of clarifications and information about the Erasmus+ program.

Two partners wrote that they would have liked to discuss the different Intellectual Outputs in much more detail to be sure that everyone understands it in the same way.

Very positive evaluated aspects have been the friendly and welcoming atmosphere as well as the organization of the meetings and the productivity to clear up questions and specify the contents of the project. The partners understood the concepts of the project and that it is a common journey, but also feel that they have to learn much more about the different methods and tools.

5. What represents XLibris for you?

The common view of the partners is, that Xlibris is an innovative and unique project for libraries and librarians, which wants to use innovative methodologies for developing user centered (with the involvement of actual end users) library services and in-service training based on Smart ICT. It represents a milestone to redesign products and services from a complete different approach. One partner called it the future - Library 3.0 with new virtual services providing better access to its users.

6. Do you think a meeting should last 2,5 days instead of 2 days?

Most partners agree, that it would have been beneficial to have 2,5 days for the kick-off meeting, to have time for clarifying all Intellectual Outputs in detail, brainstorming and reflections, since participants need more time to develop their ideas and present them in a proper way.