Overview

For trainers, Open Education Resources (OER) are a very useful tool to educate yourself further and/or enhance your lessons. Especially online you find a massive ammount of material that might be useful for you.

What are Open Educational Resources?

Open Educational Resources (OER) are learning, teaching and research materials in any format and medium: instructional materials, textbooks, lesson plans, full courses, interactive simulations, and even complete degrees. OER reside in the public domain or are under copyright that has been released under an open license. Open license respects the intellectual property rights of the copyright owner and provides permissions granting others the rights to access, re-use, re-purpose, adapt and redistribute educational materials.

OER come with 5R permissions including the permission to:

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- Reuse: the right to use the content in a wide range of ways;
- Revise: the right to adapt, adjust, modify, or alter the content itself;
- Remix: the right to combine the original or revised content with other material to create something new;
- Redistribute: the right to share copies of the original content, the revisions, or the remixes with others.

That means they allow the freedom to customize, localize, translate, and update the material as required.

OER are usually stored and distributed through websites, platforms or repositories that offer search, view and download functions.

Where can I find OER?

Depending on your teaching content, there are different platforms that offer Open Educational Resources and instructions on how to work with them. The most and popular and reliable are:

- Open Education Global
- UNESCO
- Open Educational Resoures Commons

Every country usually has lots of ressources in its national language. Your can easily find them with your internet search engine.

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