D06.5 - JOINT CATALOGUE FOR ONLINE AND OTHER FLEXIBLE ACADEMIC OFFER

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DESCRIPTION OF THE TASK AND DELIVERABLE IN THE ARQUS GRANT AGREEMENT

Deliverable 06.5 is a product of Task 06.2 which is defined in the following way in the Arqus II Grant Agreement (GA):

T06.2 Arqus for curricular enhancement

"The overall aim of this task is to enhance local academic offer at partner universities to ensure that students develop global and forward-looking generic competences through the incorporation of flexible and innovative learning opportunities, such as:

(a) Short challenge-based learning programmes, building on and upscaling the pilot interdisciplinary Arqus Winter Schools held under Arqus I;
(b) Incorporating mobility windows in curricula;
(c) Sharing existing offer of online courses;
(d) Designing and implementing new joint online courses or modules
(e) Promoting Blended Intensive Programmes.

In order to facilitate these initiatives, partners will make use of Twinning visits, as tested under Arqus I.

They will also develop a joint catalogue of existing and new online courses and other flexible learning opportunities and promote the implementation of recommendations on recognition of prior, informal and non-formal learning drafted under Arqus I.

Finally, they will design and implement, where possible, an Arqus Mention for individual students/graduates fulfilling Arqus criteria for innovative learning experiences."

D06.5 Joint Catalogue for online and other flexible academic offer, defined in the GA as "Digital catalogue of online and other flexible academic offer" responds to letter (c) of the Task and to the text in bold above.

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE DELIVERABLE

The joint catalogue was created in the open part of the Arqus Plaza, which allows access without a username and password: https://plaza.arqus-alliance.eu/course-catalogue/

Technically, the catalogue has been implemented via a plug-in that has been adapted following the requirements of WG06 members which have been testing it.

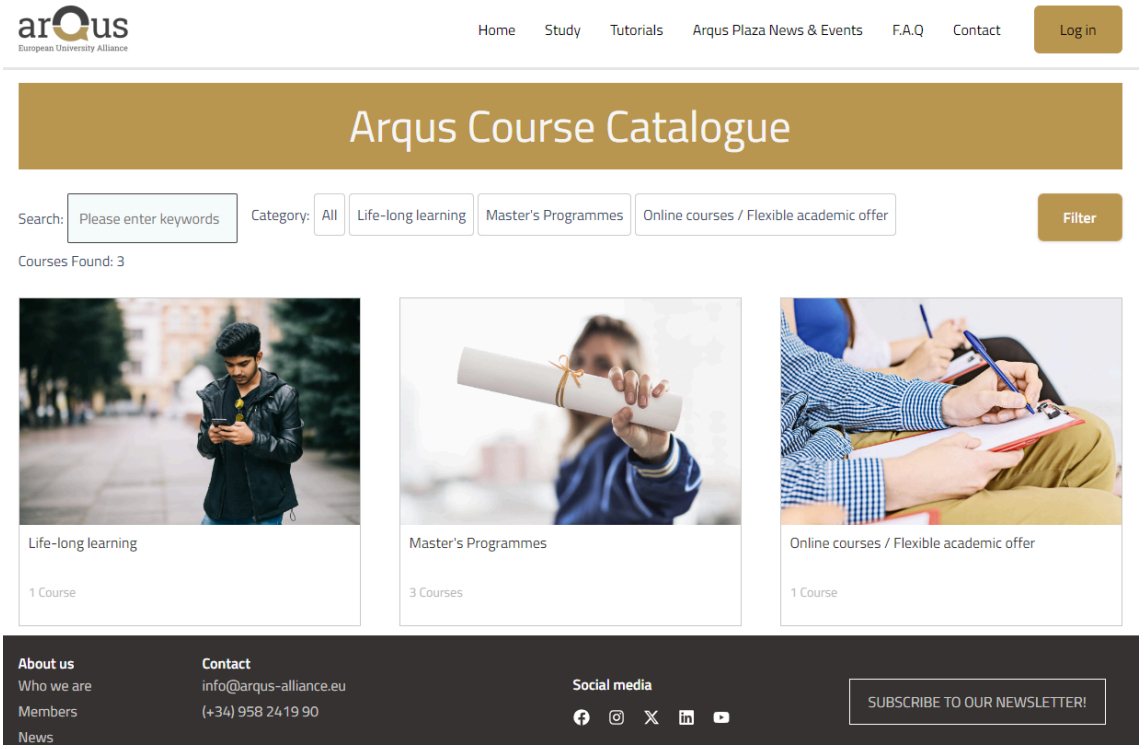
Currently, WG06 members are in the phase of starting to test the upload of materials to the Course Catalogue.

The catalogue will allow easy browsing of courses with keywords or alternatively through categories of courses.

The Arqus Plaza, and therefore the catalogue, is still in test phase at the moment of writing this deliverable.

As shown in the screenshot below, the catalogue at the moment includes three categories of academic offer:

- Life-Long Learning offer, implemented as a result of Deliverable 6.10
- Master's Programmes: this category contains the currently existing three joint Arqus Master programmes. Five more joint Masters programmes are in the pipeline and will be included here once they have been fully developed.
- Online courses/Flexible academic offer: this is where the content targeted by this deliverable will be uploaded.



NEXT STEPS

The key focus now is on developing the process, how courses will be uploaded, administered, and renewed in the catalogue. This is currently being discussed within WG06.

Once some courses have been fully uploaded, WG06 is considering inviting students to test the catalogue from a user perspective. Contact has been made with Arqus Student Council representatives.

The IT Officer is preparing Guidelines for the administrators who will be responsible for uploading content.

[Note: the content of deliverables D6.5 and D6.10 is nearly identical in terms of the sections "Implementation status of the deliverable" and "Next Steps", because they are both covered by the same general Catalogue on the Arqus Plaza]

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