

W-STEM Project Overview

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Abstract

A general overview of the W-STEM project (funded by European Union. ERASMUS + Capacity-building in Higher Education Call for proposals EAC/A05/2017 - Ref. 598923-EPP-1-2018-1-ES-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP). This was presented in the kick off meeting of this project, which was held in Salamanca (Spain) 25-27 March 2019.

Keywords

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Overview

Within the project kick-off meeting, held in Salamanca (Spain) on 25-27 March 2019, a general overview of the project was done, with the following outline:

1. Project information
2. Programme information
3. Project objectives
4. Project tasks overview
5. Project meetings

GRIAL background

The GRIAL research group [1, 2] is the coordinator partner of this project [3]. It has a significant experience in leading European Projects. Those most related to W-STEM are:

- VALS (Virtual Alliances for Learning Society) [4-15].
- TACCLE 3 – Coding [16-23]
- WYRED (netWorked Youth Research for Empowerment in the Digital society) [24-32].
- ROBOSTEAM [33].

Gender resources

A first set of gender related resources in STEM is selected [34-49].

Dissemination policy

W-STEM wants to be present in the society and the consortium would like the outcomes of this project will have a real effect [50] in the Latin-American society, but also in the European Programme countries.

Open access policy

W-STEM project is fully compliant with open access policy [51-60] for accessing and sharing the knowledge and the outcomes generated in this project.

Link to the presentation

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