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Mentors —their roles and functions in the ENRICH Course

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Introduction

- The ENRICH CPD Course is **at the core** of the ENRICH Project
- Ensuring **active participation** in the ENRICH Course is paramount
- Due to its **innovative character**, some of the subjects presented and compulsory activities required in the ENRICH Course can be perceived as **demanding**
- Through this Course, the ENRICH Consortium aims to prompt the **development of a spawning teacher community** that is sensitive to the issues discussed and willing to exchange suggestions and experiences

General orientation: What does a Mentor do?

What is a Mentor? **Generic definition**:

- A co-worker, a co-thinker, a guide, a critical friend, an 'educational companion' (Feiman-Nemser, 2001, p.20) who **facilitates** and **fosters** the mentee's **professional development** while viewing their relationship as a means towards **one's own improvement and advancement** (e.g. Wallace and Gravells, 2007)

General orientation: What does a Mentor do?

More specifically, in teacher education contexts, mentors:

- **Provide general support:**
  - Encourage teachers to engage with the content of a course and help them clarify certain concepts that may be obscure to them
  - Offer emotional support, when needed
- **Respond to individual teacher needs:**
  - prompt active participation from individual teachers, e.g., with assignments, activities, lesson plans, etc., in a relevant and appropriate way

Why do we have Mentors in the ENRICH Course?

To ensure that participants:

- Follow the **Study Schedule** of the Course
- Are **engaged with** the online sections and materials
- Share their **reactions and responses** to the **Compulsory Activities**
- Are **confident** that their engagement with the Course content and activities helps them to **learn and grow as professionals**

Idiosyncrasies of the ENRICH CPD Course

- One Course developed "**centrally**"
- The Course materials are all made available **online**
- Participant teachers are based in **different countries** (Greece, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Turkey and others)
- Participant teachers are likely to have **different teaching profiles and constraints** depending on the local national context

How does the mentoring system work in ENRICH?

In the ENRICH Course, there are **TWO types** of Mentors:

- **Type A: Course** or **Moodle Mentors**
  - In each section, a scholar who has been involved in its development acts as the Course/Moodle Mentor
  - **Main focus**: The participants working in that section
- **Type B: Local Mentors**
  - In each country, a scholar who is a member of the ENRICH consortium acts as a Local Mentor
  - **Main focus**: The participants coming from each country or are integrated in that local group

How does the mentoring system work in ENRICH?

Both types of Mentors:

- Facilitate study and **active engagement** with the materials and activities
- Trigger **constructive dialogue** and prompt a **team spirit** among the participants
- **Support** the participants and promote **autonomy**

A person may act both as a **Course/Moodle Mentor** in a specific section (if he/she has been involved in its development) and as a **Local Mentor** (of the participants coming from his/her country)

Type A: Course/Moodle Mentors

- The **Course/Moodle Mentors** are responsible for the participants who work on **their section**, no matter what country they come from
- **Their role is to:**
  - Trigger **discussion** on topics related to that section
  - Give **constructive feedback**, as they see fit
  - Provide **further resources**, as they see fit
- **They DO NOT:**
  - Teach the Course—this is what the **video** is there for
  - Correct or offer 'ready-made' answers—a **teacher** is in the **best position** to determine what is **good practice** in his/her **own context**!

Type A: Course/Moodle Mentors

Where can you find the Course/Moodle Mentors?

- The Course/Moodle Mentors can be found in the **Forums of each section**—see this symbol:
- More specifically, you can find them in:
  - The **Forum** dedicated to a **particular Activity**, either that be Compulsory or not
  - The **Forum** dedicated to **General discussion**—you can use this Forum to discuss any **OTHER** issue you want related to this section

Type A: Course/Moodle Mentors

- For example, in the section "The Content of ELF-aware teaching", you can find the Course/Moodle Mentor:

[Note: Activity 3 is a Compulsory Activity—the box next to it will be automatically ticked after completing it]

Type A: Course/Moodle Mentors

When can you find the Course/Moodle Mentors?

- The Course/Moodle Mentor can be found in the Forums of his/her section **during the strict period** when that section is **activated**, according to the **Study Schedule**
- For example, you can find the Course/Moodle Mentor of the section "The content of ELF-aware teaching" during Week 8, i.e. from 23/03/2020 till 29/03/2020

Type B: Local Mentors

- **The Local Mentors** are responsible for participants coming from their **country** (e.g. Italy, Greece) or are integrated in that **local group**
- **Their role is to:**
  - Carry out **3 meetings** with their local group
  - Respond to **issues or problems** participants of their local group may raise, as they see fit
  - Clarify issues about the **completion** of the course, such as about deadlines and the final assignment
- **Again, Local Mentors DO NOT:**
  - Teach the Course
  - Correct or offer 'ready-made' answers

Type B: Local Mentors

Where can you find the Local Mentors?

- The Local Mentors assigned to your local group can be found by **email**—see the messages they have sent
- In the **Moodle platform**, you can click the section "**Useful videos & materials**"—there, you will find:
  - A **Folder** for your local group, with **files** which your Local Mentor wants to share with you
  - A **Forum** for your local group, where you can **communicate** with the Local Mentor and the rest of the participants of your local group

Type B: Local Mentors

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Local Mentors

Forum and Useful Materials for Local Groups

Click below to access the Folder and the Forum which corresponds to the local group you are a member of

Look here for the Folder and the Forum dedicated to your local group

- **Bogazici University**

Folder of the Bogazici University Local Group(s)

Forum of the Bogazici University Local Group(s)

- **Hellenic Open University**

Folder of the Hellenic Open University Local Group(s)

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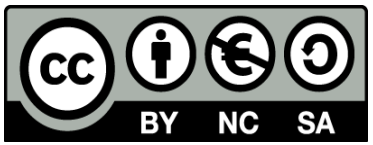

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