# Praparing an International Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL)





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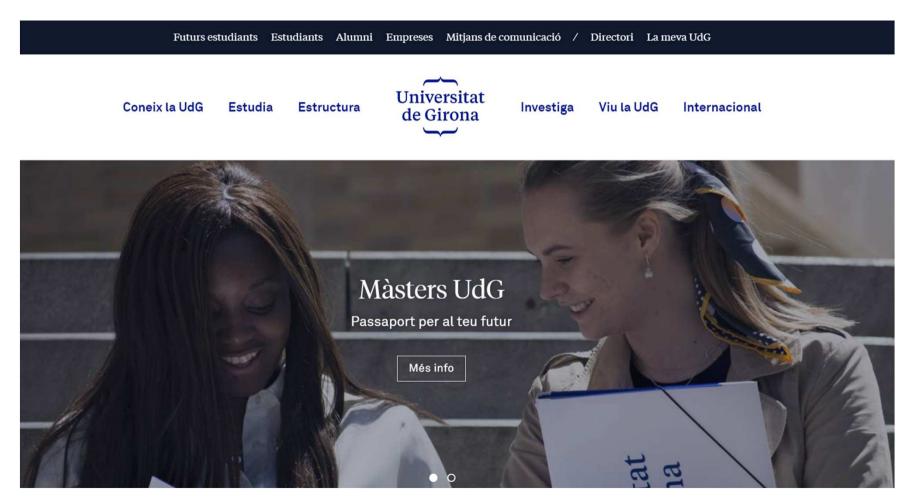
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#### 3. Why internationalisation?



European Commission Report: "European Higher Education in the world":

"...internationalisation should ensure that the large majority of learners who are not mobile... are nonetheless able to acquire the international skills required in a globalised world (2013:6)"

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#### But...

- COVID has had *impact our institutions*: cancellation International events and reduction of student mobility
- Is there any solution that reconciles the European mandate with the situationn caused by COVID-19?
- Mobility is restricted but under these situation it is possible:

#### ...internationalisation at home

...internationalisation of the curriculum

...global citizenship

# 4. The beginning of all and the people who have inspired me

- Autumn 2020: The Rectorate of the University of Girona proposes the COIL project as a new way of internationalisation
- Some semminars are organised
- The ideas that I will present will be a synthesis of the experiences of other authors who have introduced me to this methodology.
- These ideas and thoughts will be the inspiration to create a COIL activity in the 1st year course Fundamentals of Economics that I teach in the university degrees of Pedagogy and Social Work.

## Who is inspiring me?

Eva Haug. Amsterdam University Of Applied Sciences

Robert O'Dowd. University of León, Spain







John Style, University Rovira Virgili, Catalonia – Spain



And also the



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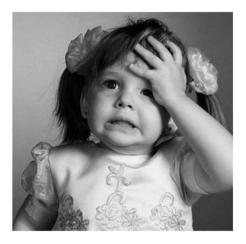
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#### 5. COIL ??? What's this? And why to prepare a COIL?

- My previous knowledge = 0
- On Internet Coil is:





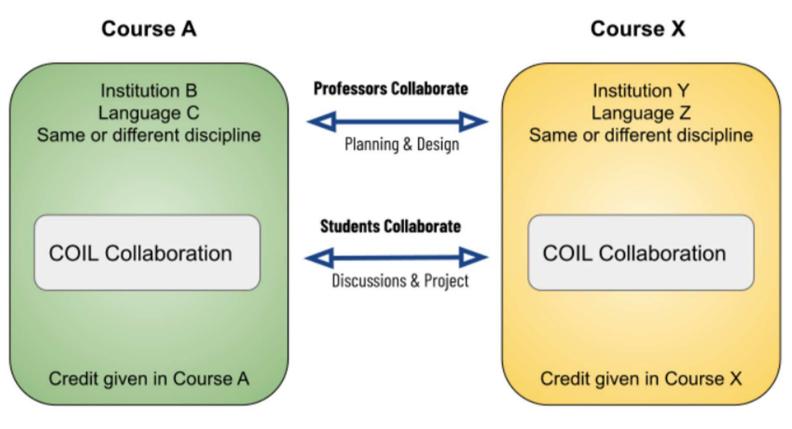


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#### **COIL: Collaborative Online International Learning**

- Why to prepare a COIL?
  - Because it's an opportunity for students and professors of different cultures, together to learn, discuss and collaborate as part of their class
  - Because a significant number of students do not have the opportunity to participate in an international experience during their years at university. COIL promotes equal opportunities for students with limited resources and who have difficulty accessing funding for a study stay abroad.
  - "(...) It is estimated that currently only about 4.5% of the total student population in the European Higher Education Area experience a period of study abroad at some time during their studies. Even if the European objective of 20% by the year 2020 is achieved, this will still leave 80% of students without an international, intercultural experience as part of their university studies". (UNICollaboration.org)
  - It's not the same as "being there physically," but if the alternative is not being there, it's *the most similar way to being there physically*

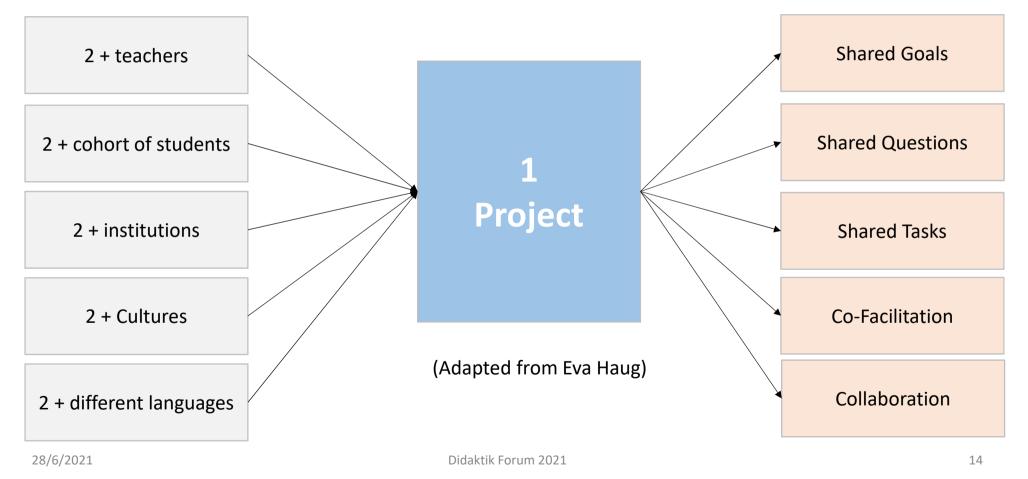
#### Framework to develop a COIL module



Source: The SUNY COIL Center

## But what is COIL?

Teachers in two or more classes organise collaborative tasks for their students to complete online as part of their coursework  $\rightarrow$  Course integration - (Robert O'Dowd)



# A typical course model

Our COIL:

A transnational virtual exchange between Spanish and Colombian students and academics.

4-12 week collaboration

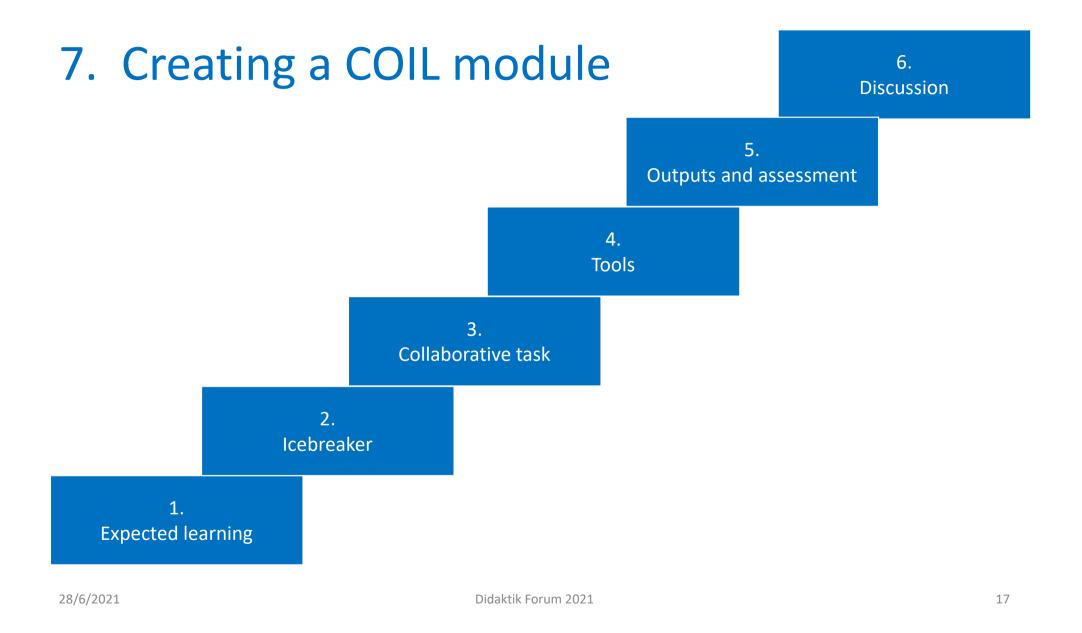
Based on Eva Haug

Stage I	Icebreaker, group formation, developing trust			
Stage II	Organising the project and comparative discussions			
Stage III	Collaborative project and problem solving			
Stage IV	Concluding, reflecting and presenting			

#### 6. What COIL activities should look like

The ideal COIL's activities according to Eva Haug, must manage to be:

- <u>Student-Centred</u>: being framed in terms of what students will be able to know, do and feel rather than what or how the teacher will teach.
- <u>Essential and Relevant</u>: it should express knowledge, skill or attitude that the learner can use in his or her life and work and that has lifelong importance.
- <u>Clear and Focused</u>: expressed in simple language and aimed at the important understanding, skill or attitude.
- <u>Observable and Measurable</u>: can be measured directly through a product or performance or indirectly through a reflection or survey.



#### COIL name:

Contributing to Conflict Resolution to Build Peaceful Societies

- 1. <u>Expected learning</u>: student should perceive conflict as a positive opportunity and understand the importance of building healthy relationships in their community following the construction of peaceful societies based on:
  - self-respect,
  - respect for the other,
  - respect for difference and diversity
- 2. <u>Icebreaker</u>: activity to stimulate students to get to know each other and build up confidence
- 3. <u>Collaborative task</u>: case study resolution
- 4. <u>Tools</u>: Google Docs and Powerpoint (other possibilities)
- 5. <u>Outputs and assessment</u>: to be designed
- 6. Discussion

# 8. Things to think about

- Different teaching styles
- How to manage the evaluation process: different evaluation styles. Who has the control of final score, local? It is necessary there needs to be a score?
- Cultural issues:
  - Different attitudes to 'online privacy'
  - Different perception of time
  - .....

Misunderstandings and possible *CONFLICTS* 





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Cultural issues, exemple, scheduling	Linear time			Fle	xible time	
	Linear time	Project steps are approached in a sequential fashion, completing one task before beginning the next. One thing at a time. No interruptions. The focus is on the deadline and sticking to the schedule. Emphasis is on promptness and good organization over flexibility.				
	Flexible time	Project steps are approached in a fluid manner, changing tasks as opportunities arise. Many hings are dealt with at once and interruptions accepted. The focus is on adaptability and glexibility is valued over organization.				
Source: Erin Meyer The culture Map. Decoding	g how people think,	lead and get things done	e across cultures			
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## 9. Conclusions

- Why prepare a COIL? Because it promotes equal opportunities to have a learning experience in an international virtual context for students as well as for teachers
- Like other internationalisation activities, COIL requires us to step out of our comfort zone. But it is stimulating to take risks!
- Academic and cultural exchange, even if it is limited and virtual, I think we can agree that it generates more benefits than all the costs and sacrifices we have to face in order to make it possible

