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Blended Learning in Flemish Higher Education

KVAB Thinker in Residence Project 2014

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Background

- In June the KVAB published the report “From *blended* to *open* learning. Internet and ICT in Flemish Higher Education”. ([KVAB Blended Learning 2013](#))
- ***“There is a need for a systemic vision on the optimal exploitation of ICT and internet for the new higher education of the 21st century.”***
- The 2014 “Thinker in Residence” project accepts this challenge. It keeps the main focus on higher education (in a lifelong learning perspective), but enlarges the scope to secondary and primary education.

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Action plan 2014

- 1. February 18: Kick-Off Meeting of Thinkers (TH) with Experts Group (EG) and Steering Committee (SC)
- 2. April 4: Workshop: TH and EG inputs for position paper
- 3. April 14-17: Writing in residence and first drafts
- 4. May-July 2014: Ronde van Vlaanderen 1
- 5. September 2014: Ronde van Vlaanderen 2
- 6. October 2014: Discussion of draft position papers with EG (videoconference)
- 7. November 19: Symposium
- 8. December-January: Writing of final papers
- 9. January-February: Meeting with VLIR rectors conference

Experts Group

- Members of the KVAB
- External experts in Blended Learning
- The five universities: U Antwerp, U Hasselt, U Gent, VU Brussels, KU Leuven (+association).
- Flemish Interuniversity Council (VLIR)
- ICT research and training institutions: IMEC + iMINDS
- The two school networks (GO and NSVKO)
- Ministry of Education
- Accreditation body (NVAO)
- Industry and Employers organisation (Agoria)
- The Young Academy
- Students organisation VVS
- French speaking university UCL

The reports

- Three final reports: Diana Laurillard (1), Pierre Dillenbourg (2) and the KVAB-Experts Group (3)
- Report 3: Analysis of reports 1 and 2 (agreements and disagreements) and concrete conclusions for Flanders
- October :Discussion of first drafts of reports 1 and 2 (thinkers in videoconference with KVAB-Experts Group)
- 19 November: Presentation and discussion of reports 1 and 2 (“position papers”) at symposium
- December-January: Final writing
- February 2015: Publications