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| Project name: | e-Universities |
| Description: | CARNET is implementing the e-Universities project with the aim of digital transformation of higher education (HE) in the Republic of Croatia (RH) by improving the digital teaching infrastructure, introducing digital teaching tools and strengthening digital competences of teachers for teaching in a digital environment.<br>The digital transformation of public institutions in higher education will be approached systematically. Digital transformation contributes to the flexibility and innovation of education, unifies the raising of organizational, management, infrastructural and educational categories of development, enables the convergence of public national and EU policies of HE, while continuously following the current directions of digital technology development.<br>As part of the project, investments will be made in:<br>• network and computer infrastructure<br>• equipment and related services<br>• cyber security activities<br>• improvement of the existing IT system and linking of records in HE<br>• educational support and educational programmes to strengthen the competences of teaching staff for learning and teaching in a digital environment<br>support and professional development of expert staff. |
| Webpage: | https://www.carnet.hr/en/projekt/e-universities/ |
| Source of finances: | The e-Universities project is financed from the National Recovery and Resilience Plan 2021 – 2026 |
| Beneficiary: | Croatian Academic and Research Network – CARNET |
| Partners: | University Computing Center, Agency for Science and Higher Education, National and University Library, Institutions of higher education |
| Project budget: | 84.013.537,72 € |
| Duration: | From March 2022 to December 2025 |
| Location: | Republic of Croatia |
| Target groups: | Teaching staff, professional staff of higher education institutions, students |
| Objectives: | **General objective of the project**<br>The general objective of the e-Universities project is to improve the quality and accessibility of the higher education system, by strengthening the flexibility and innovation of public higher education institutions through supporting investments in digital teaching infrastructure.<br>**Specific objective of the project**<br>Investments in network and computer infrastructure, equipment for the creation and production of audio/video content and related services (applications, licenses and support tools) and cyber security activities will ensure the key prerequisites for the continuation of the digital transformation of higher education institutions throughout the Republic of Croatia.<br>Improvement of the existing IT system and connecting records in higher education will create a unique platform that will contain timely and relevant information for monitoring trends on all decision-making levels and a key |

| | base for monitoring the system, creating reports and analyses, as well as for planning and forecasting, which will provide for systematic monitoring, evaluation and achievement of programme financing goals of higher education institutions. |
| | Investments in digital infrastructure with accompanying educational support to empower teachers to create digital teaching content, followed by continuous research regarding the state and application of digital technologies in higher education and business, as well as the experimental implementation of a modular education programme, will strengthen the competencies of teachers and raise the level of digital maturity of institutions of higher education in the entire territory of the Republic of Croatia. |