

DICE + (142-009)

Network of Competence & Training in Legal Issues for Digital Contents

The aim of the DICE+ project is to create a Network of Competence & Training that supports the Swiss HEIs community (teachers, researchers, librarians, IT staff, and others) in dealing with the most relevant legal issues they have to face in their professional activities. DICE+ will cover three legal domains, which are considered to be particularly relevant for academic and non-academic staff of Swiss HEIs: 1) Copyright and Legal Licenses in the digital domain; 2) Privacy & Data Protection and 3) Terms & Conditions. These legal topics will be applied to five different application areas: 1) eTeaching / eLearning; 2) MOOCs; 3) Cloud Computing / Social Media; 4) eScience (Research & Publication) and 5) Information Access, Digitalization & Archiving. Experts of each application area will define their legal needs and legal experts will then create materials. All materials will be created with the aim to make laws, rules and jurisdictions easily understandable and quickly applicable to people without legal background knowledge. Materials might be methodologies, guidelines, use cases or others.

The DICE+ Network of Competence & Training will then offer two main kinds of services: 1) a Helpdesk, both virtual and physical, from where all requests will be forwarded either to the physical helpdesks that are already available in some universities or to the experts that are part of the DICE+ Network; 2) Training activities, to be offered both online (webinars, online course, use cases, handbooks and other documentation, best practices, etc.) and offline (workshops in different Swiss HEIs). All the DICE+ services will be available through an Online Platform, which will thus serve as a unique access point to all materials, information, and tools of the Network.

The DICE+ project will build on the results gained from the DICE project (2009-2011; see: www.diceproject.ch), which created resources and offered training activities to teachers of Swiss HEIs in the field of copyright in education. DICE+ will expand the range of legal topics covered (not only copyright) and the range of fields to which they will be applied (not only eLearning). Furthermore the range of publics addressed will be extended to include not only teachers. 7 Swiss HEIs compose the DICE+ consortium. They bundle together two main areas of expertise: legal issues and eLearning services.

The DICE+ project involves the following activities: 1) development of contents and creation of resources and materials: materials regarding the 3 legal topics will be elaborated and applied to the 5 application fields; 2) Service Design & Business Plan: this includes the design of various support and training activities and the detailed elaboration of a Business Plan; 3) Design & Development of an Online Service Platform which will serve as single access point to all services offered by the network; 4) Networking & Promotion activities to create a network of legal experts and promote the DICE+ services 5) Launch, evaluation and fine-tuning of the Service.