



Organising Virtual European Seminars

Experience and Best Practice from the VENUS Seminars on
Global Issues for the European Citizen

Fostering collaboration in eLearning



Global issues for the European citizen

VENUS Project

- **Virtual and eMobility for Networking Universities in Society**
- **European Commission's eLearning programme**
- **2 year project: 03.06 – 03.08**

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Partners

- EuroPACE, Belgium
- Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
- Audiovisual Technologies, Informatics and Telecommunications (ATiT), Belgium
- University of Cologne, Germany
- Helsinki University of Technology, Lifelong Learning Institute Dipoli, Finland
- University of West-Hungary, College of Geoinformatics, Hungary
- West-Pomeranian Business School, Poland
- Technical University of Kosice, Slovakia
- Consortium NETTUNO, Italy

Faculty of Extension

- Geographically
- Target Audience
- Didactical



Strengthen the **European identity** and at the same time value **local** aspects

2 Models

- **Venus Seminars Model**
- **Venus Summer School**

VENUS Seminars Model

Traditional Seminars

- **Assymetric Transfer of Knowledge**
- **Supported documents before and after the seminar**

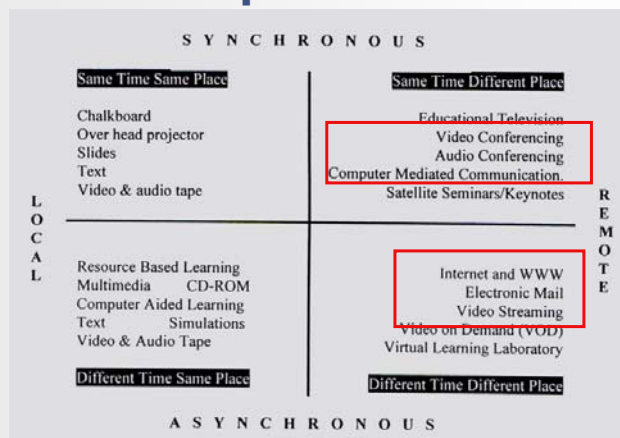
VENUS SEMINAR MODEL

Extension of the model of the traditional on campus seminar

VIRTUAL european seminars

- entirely on-line or through video conferencing technology
- not necessarily at the same location
- communication synchronously

VIRTUAL european seminars



Any time, any place model of learning, showing delivery methods (the Martini Model)

Video Conferencing

- Tele-presence
- Active local discussion
- Local expert
- European feeling
- Networking



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Online Live Streaming

- Online chat
- Online Expert
- Online Moderator
- Staying at Home
- Broader Audience
- Unstable Technology



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Virtual EUROPEAN seminars

- **Expert or Topic: European General Interest**
- **LOCAL Dimension**
- **Overcome Language Issues**
- **Overcome Timing Issues**
- **Different Learning Models**

Virtual EUROPEAN Seminars

Content: Global Issues for the European Citizen

Agenda

AUTUMN

Riccardo Petrella "Water Economy"

Wolfgang Th. Wessels
"Future of the European Integration"

Joanne Ciulla
"The Moral Challenges of Leadership"

Jean-Jacques Cassiman "Genetic Services in Europe"

SPRING

Stephen Downes "Knowledge 2.0 "

Risto Linturi "Visionary Thinking"

Nathan Shedroff "Experience Design "

Derrick de Kerckhove "Culture and Technology "

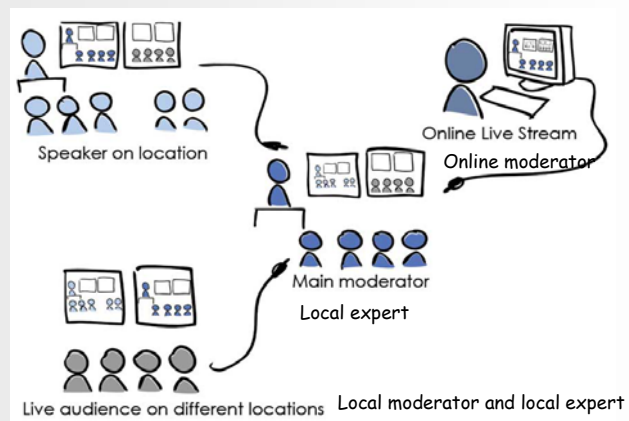
Structure

- 10min Introduction by Central Moderator
- 25min Lecture by International speaker
- 5min Pause
- 30min Local discussion by Local Moderator & Local Expert
- 40min Open discussion by Central Moderator
- 10min Conclusion by International Speaker & Central Moderator

- Reception for Networking

Open to Citizens

- Different Dissemination Strategies
- International and National Networks



Evaluation

- The experience is real
- The European dimension valued very positive
- The local debate was very interesting
- The possibility to discuss with the international experts

- Quality of Technology is very important
- Quality of the International Speaker

- Online module: Recorded Seminars

- www.venus-seminars.net

Future Plans

- **Venus Summer School**
- **Venus Handbook**
- **Set-up of a Sustainability Scheme**
- **Training workshops**

VENUS SUMMER SCHOOL

A graphic for the Venus Summer School. It features a yellow sun in the top right corner and a stylized plant with a USB cable as a stem and a fiber optic cable as a branch. The text is arranged in a structured layout within a yellow border.

VENUS SUMMER SCHOOL

The use of Social Software in Education and Business

Date: 3-7 September

Theoretical and very practical open
for all International audience lifelong
learning sustainable hypotheses explored
by experts

Thank you

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