

## LEA-Network Webinar Series

Education is currently facing a challenge like never before. To slow the spread of COVID-19, schools and universities in 188 countries have been closed, impacting almost 90% of the world's student population.

As classes move online, it has become essential that schools have effective learning technology, in order to continue teaching young people at home.

The LEA Network 'Procuring Resilient Education Technology' series will bring five webinars to you this April – June, exploring the basics of how procurement can learn from this current crisis, and procure effective learntech now and in future.

### SCHEDULED WEBINARS

- 1. Tales from teachers – how has or could technology help in this current crisis?** *15 April, 10.30 – 11.30*
- 2. Know the market – what learntech is currently available, and how effective is it?** *29 April, 10.30 – 11.30*
- 3. Innovation procurement – how can I buy more effective learntech in the future?** *13 May, 10.30 – 11.30*
- 4. Innovation procurement – your questions answered.** *27 May, 10.30 – 11.30*
- 5. Find future funding – how to find partners and apply for future learntech projects.** *10 June, 10.30 – 11.30*

*Full agendas provided below*

**TO ATTEND THE WEBINARS, PLEASE REGISTER HERE:**

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If you have specific questions you want addressed, please feel free to submit these in advance to [ashleigh.mclennan@iclei.org](mailto:ashleigh.mclennan@iclei.org)

## What is LEA-N?

LEA-N is a network of public procurers who want to learn about learntech and how to buy it. It was created in 2018, with support from the European Commission, to provide practical support as well as a space for them to share experiences.

## Who is part of LEA-N?

The first members of LEA-N were part of the LEA project. They include:

- Municipality of Halmstad (Sweden)
- The Region of Gothenburg (Sweden)
- Municipality of Konnevesi (Finland)
- Municipality of Viladecans (Spain)
- City of Turin (Italy)
- Municipality of Braga (Portugal)

If you are interested in learning and buying learntech for education, you too could be a LEA-N member – at no cost or commitment.

## Where can I find out more?

For guidance, webinars and more, see <https://www.learntechaccelerator.eu/procurers/>

To find out more about joining LEA-N email [coordinator@learntechaccelerator.eu](mailto:coordinator@learntechaccelerator.eu)

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## LEA-N Webinars – Agendas

### Webinar 1: Tales from teachers – how has or could technology help in this current crisis?

*Time: 15 April, 10.30 – 11.30*

*Host: Dr. Kati Clements, Faculty of Information Technology at the University of Jyväskylä*

*Panelists:*

- Isabella Calvagna, Turin City Council and part of LEA project
- Rossella Bernascone, Vice Headmaster and English Teacher at the Volta school in Turin

#### **Content**

In Webinar 1, we will hear directly from teachers about their experience of the current crisis.

A panel of teachers will discuss the following:

- What kind of technology (software, hardware, networks) have you been using during the COVID-19 crisis?
- What challenges have you faced? What technology or features of technology have or have not worked?
- What kind of technologies would you like schools to invest in? What's the most important things these technologies would need to provide?

#### **Outcome**

Procurers will understand the challenges teachers face, and what they need (hardware and software) to continue teaching effectively online.

### Webinar 2: Know the market – what learntech is currently available, and how effective is it?

*Time: 29 April, 10.30 – 11.30*

*Host: Dr. Kati Clements, Faculty of Information Technology at the University of Jyväskylä*

*Panelists:*

- Jari Laru, Educational Technologist in a Faculty of Education, University of Oulu. (TBC)

#### **Content**

In Webinar 2, researchers from the LEA project will provide an overview of technologies currently available on the market, and to what extent they address the needs of teachers (discussed in Webinar 1).

The following will be presented:

- What are the common or important features of learntech solutions that procurers should look for?
- Who are the main providers of learntech solutions, and what do they offer?
- What are the current gaps in the learntech market? How could teacher and students' needs be better met in future?

### **Outcome**

Procurers will learn about what is currently available on the learntech market

## **Webinar 3: Innovation procurement – how can I buy more effective learntech in the future?**

*Time: 13 May, 10.30 – 11.30*

*Host: Dr. Kati Clements, Faculty of Information Technology at the University of Jyväskylä*

*Panelists:*

- *Sonia Dominguez/ Isabela Capella Munar, Municipality of Viladecans (TBC)*
- *Ellinor Wallin, EUPK, coordinator of former IMAILE project*

### **Content**

In Webinar 3, procurers will learn how innovation procurement can be used to procure learntech which meets user needs (webinar 1) and which have all the necessary features, even those not currently available on the market (webinar 2).

The following will be presented:

- What is innovation procurement?
- How has innovation procurement benefited schools and other organisations in the past?
- How have others got started with innovation procurement?

### **Outcome**

Procurers will learn the basics of innovation procurement, and how it can benefit schools. They can also ask questions, which will be addressed in Webinar 4.

## Webinar 4: Innovation procurement - your questions answered

Time: 27 May, 10.30 – 11.30

Host: Dr. Kati Clements, Faculty of Information Technology at the University of Jyväskylä

Panelists:

- Sara Bedin, European Innovation Procurement Expert

### Content

In Webinar 4, procurers' biggest questions on innovation procurement will be answered.

For example, questions like the following could be answered:

- What are the risks of innovation procurement, and how can these be managed?
- How can I make sure that the suppliers deliver the product as required?
- What does the buyer commit to when starting an innovation procurement?  
How can supplier expectations be managed?

### Outcome

Procurers will have their innovation procurement questions answered, and will be directed to useful resources for further learning.

## Webinar 5: Find future funding – how to find partners and apply for future learntech projects

Time: 10 June, 10.30 – 11.30

Host: Dr. Kati Clements, Faculty of Information Technology at the University of Jyväskylä

Panelists:

- Ellinor Wallin, EUPK
- Philipp Schübler, Researcher Otto-von-Guericke-Universität Magdeburg (TBC)

### Content

In Webinar 5, procurers will learn about funding and co-financing opportunities which could help them buy learntech in future. They will also be introduced to the

Procurement Challenge Tool – a practical resource to help them match their needs and interests with other procurers across Europe.

The following will be presented:

- What funding opportunities exist, and how can these be accessed?
- What are the advantages of collaboration? How can joint demand improve the outcomes of my procurement?
- How can I stay up-to-date with future learning, funding and sharing opportunities?

**Outcome**

Procurers will learn about the practical tools and support available to help for buying learntech.

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