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Shaping the future of learning

Dear Go-Lab Teachers

This is the final newsletter of the year,
but next year you will be receiving new ones!

This year has been a very successful year for Next-Lab/Go-Lab with the number of sessions on Golabz breaking through the barrier of 20.000 per month, more than 1000 ILSs published and the number of labs now over 600.

As we have announced a few times, in Go-Lab we have moved to another underlying technology (if you technically interested, we stopped using Apache Shindig to run OpenSocial apps. Instead, our apps now rely on the new Graasp API, built using modern technologies). This means that we now have new opportunities and that we have made Go-Lab future proof. One of the first steps in this process that you have noticed was the new interface for ILSs. The last step in this process was made in the first weeks of November, when all apps moved to this new technology. You do not see this in the interface of the apps, but what you will notice is that our apps will now load much (and really much) faster. This will be true for each newly created ILS or added app. But if you have an older ILS and you would like to update it, simply copy your ILS in Graasp and the apps in the new ILS will be automatically converted.

A new development in Go-Lab is also that now, for a number of labs and some apps, we have offline versions. You still need to prepare ILSs that can run offline, when you are online, but running an offline version is very handy when the internet connections are slow or unstable. When using the offline versions, you cannot use certain features that are dependent on an internet connection (such as Learning Analytics apps and Peer feedback). The offline feature was developed in the context of our GO-GA project (Go-Lab Goes Africa). Lab and apps that are offline ready are indicated with the symbol to the right. A description on how to use the offline mode can be found here.

Also next year we will be organizing a Go-Lab summer school. In early July (5-10 July 2020), we are offering an intensive summer schools in Greece. This international event with teachers from all over Europe is as a great opportunity for you to learn all about the possibilities of the Go-Lab Ecosystem. Come join us and work together with colleagues and the team behind Go-Lab to build ILSs, exchange ideas and realize exciting scenarios on how to use ILSs in your classroom. Participation in the summer school can be sponsored through the Erasmus+ KA1 programme. We are happy to support you in this and you can find more information about the course and how to apply for Erasmus+ funding on the summer school website. Registration to both courses is already open: Register now to reserve your spot at the Go-Lab Summer School 2020!

I wish you a wonderful and peaceful Christmas with your beloved ones. We will meet again in 2020!

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