

# Technology Enhanced Learning

## Case Study: E-portfolios and Qualifications



### Introduction:

**Anne-Marie supports learners to complete their Chartered Management Institute qualifications.**

Completing a qualification through distance learning can be a challenge for some, requiring self-motivation, planning and commitment.

Exponential Training uses a bespoke e-portfolio called **LEAP**. It was originally developed within an Erasmus+ project involving partners from Ireland, Greece, Cyprus, Austria, and Portugal. LEAP is a multi-lingual e-portfolio platform which can be used by learners, assessors, and moderators for short and long running courses and even qualifications.

Exponential Training has now migrated all its Chartered Management Institute learners onto LEAP. The learners are working towards Certificate and Diploma qualifications at level 3, 5 and 7 in Management and Leadership, Coaching and Mentoring and Professional Consulting.

### Summary:

This case study is about how a learners, assessors and moderators benefit from using an e-portfolio platform called LEAP.

*“LEAP was developed as part of an Erasmus+ project. LEAP has transformed the way Exponential Training supports its learners and assessors.*

*It has made a HUGE difference to the quality of assessment, the outcomes achieved by learners and learner completion rates – it has also shortened the time to complete a qualification.”*

**Anne-Marie, Performance Coach**



## Technology Enhanced Learning:

**Digitalisation has enabled vocational, education and training centres to remain open and effective during the COVID19 lockdowns.**

Exponential Training has been using Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) for many years. It migrated to on-line learning over a decade ago and has used on-line meeting software for webinars and coaching sessions with learners since 2008. The development and arrival of its e-portfolio platform Learn, Engage, Apply and Perform (LEAP) in 2016/17 represented a 'step-change' in its delivery model.

LEAP enables Exponential to plan learner assessments, undertake moderation and quality assurance, plan learning programmes with learners and to communicate with them all under one roof – LEAP. In 2018, the company's Learning Management System was also integrated into LEAP making it a 'one stop shop' for learners, moderators, and assessors.

TEL is enabling the flexible delivery and completion of learning, assessment and moderation in real time which is motivating and rewarding for both learners and assessors. The pace of learner progress and completion has increased significantly since the introduction of LEAP which is proof positive of the potential of Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL).

E-Growth a project funded by the Erasmus+ programme. The project set out to explore the use of business simulations and Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) in the delivery of Vocational Education and Training (TEL). The TEL Handbook and E-Growth business simulation is available in English, Czech, Spanish, Greek and Hungarian.

**For further information visit:**

<https://e-growth-project.eu/>

## Working Through the Pandemic

Not only did LEAP mean that Exponential's training delivery remained uninterrupted throughout the national lockdown, but so too did other users of LEAP.

LEAP was used by Exponential and five of its European partners during the various lockdowns resulting in over 400 learners being able to continue their learning and VET courses.

Christos P, VET Centre Manager from IHE Innovative Hospitality Education, Cyprus said:

*"LEAP was a real-life saver. It was a consideration to have time savings, but when the pandemic suddenly stunned us, distance became the decisive factor. We managed to deploy the platform within 3 days, allowing us to organise user tutorial sessions for our learners. Our operations went back to normal within just one week".*



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