



# Sloop News

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## SLOOP PROJECT IS ONE YEAR OLD

In Sloop News 4 we present the activities performed during the first year of the project.

### 1) THE SITE

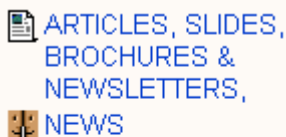
As announced in Sloop News 3, the site of the project is now available. Its new address is [www.sloopproject.eu/sloop](http://www.sloopproject.eu/sloop).

In it you can find:

- **The presentation of the project**



- An area where you can find **articles, news, useful links and a map of the site.**



- An area dedicated to **courses and forums**: it is necessary a registration to visit them.

In particular, one can visit a **general forum** presented in English and one for the **Italian Community**, other national communities will start up in the future.

The platform Moodle has been used to realise it. MOODLE is a LMS (Learning Management System) specially designed to favour the creation of courses to provide on-line learning. It is Open Source Software capable to operate on Unix, Linux, Windows, MacOSX, ...

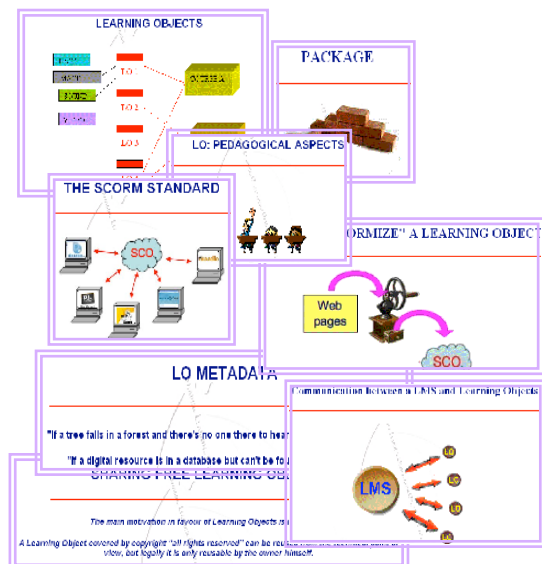
Moreover Moodle is SCORM compatible.

### 2) METALO PRODUCTION

8 MetaLO (Learning Objects on Learning Objects) have been created with the aim of introducing the future LO producers to the topics related to them.

The titles of the MetaLO are:

1. Learning Objects
2. LO: pedagogical approaches
3. SCORM standard
4. The Metadata
5. How to make a LO SCORM compliant
6. The packaging of LOs
7. Communication between LO and platform

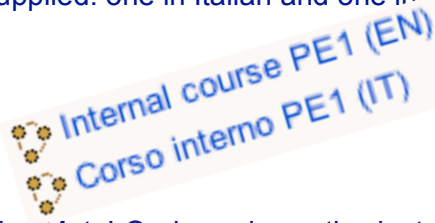


8. Sharing free Learning Objects

The MetaLO have been used in the courses reserved to the project partnership and will, in the future, be used in the cascade courses supplied in each partners' country. This is why the MetaLOs have been produced in Italian, English, Rumanian, Slovenian and Spanish.

### 3) THE COURSES

Two courses inside the partnership have been supplied: one in Italian and one in English.



The MetaLOs have been the instruments and Moodle the platform used. About twenty threads have been activated for forum discussion in the English course totalling about 120 interventions while in the Italian forum about 15 threads have been discussed with 70 interventions.



The products of the courses are 16 LOs Scorm compliant, realised by the participants. Between October and January, all partners will provide cascade courses. ITSOS course successfully began on 9th October. It is attended by 40 learners and after only two weeks more than 230 messages have been sent to the discussion forum.

### 4) DISSEMINATION

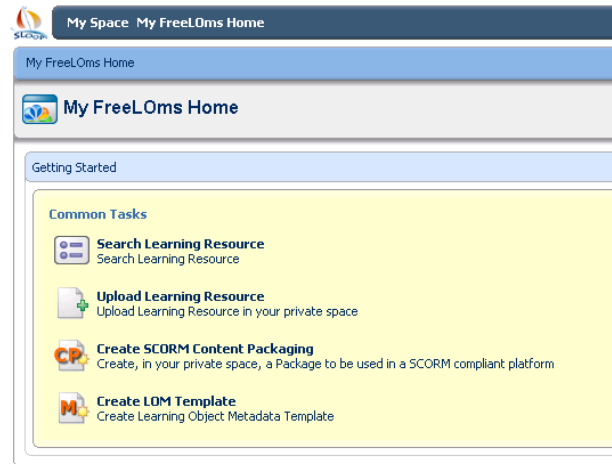
Especially in Italy, the project has been presented in meetings and seminars. In addition, articles and news have helped to publicise it. (See the site area "Articles, ...")

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### 5) FREELOMS

The CNR of Palermo has presented the beta version of the realised platform, called FreeLOms (Free Learning Objects Management System) at the partnership meeting in Ljubljana (12th-13th October).



The platform will enable:

- The LO research to plan and build one's own courses,
  - The LO uploading (possibly Scorm compliant thanks to the use of software such as Reload),
  - LO - such as PP presentations and html pages - "scormization",
  - the creation of Content Packages SCORM 1.2, that is the zip package containing the LO, the file manifest as well as the files enabling the traceability of the students' activities,
  - the LO metadata editing following the model LOM IEEE).
- The Metadata have been divided into 3 levels according to their importance. A partial compilation is possible and it can also be changed and implemented by other users. Moreover there will be the opportunity to design metadata models reusable in all the LOs one has created.
- the exportation of Content packages to a different platform designed to provide courses (Moodle for example),
  - the alteration of LOs (and their metadata) found on the platform. Each LO will be completed with his "history" and the different versions will be available:

Version History		
Version	Notes	Author
1.0		admin
1.1		admin

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