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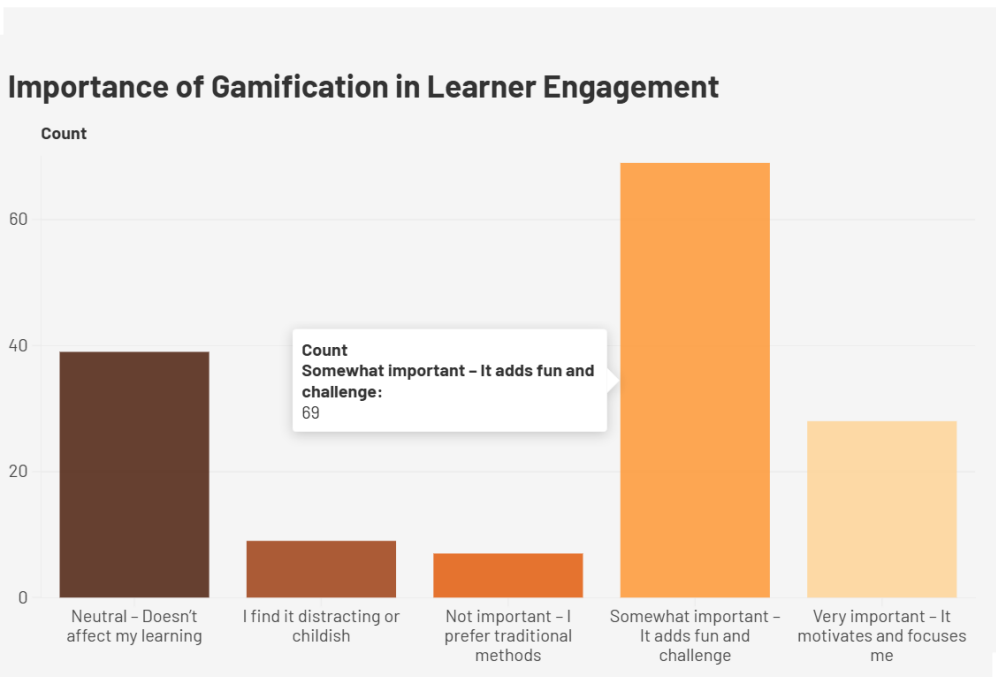
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NEEDS ASSESSMENT & BENCHMARKING COMPLETED

Within the framework of SHINE, a comprehensive needs assessment and benchmarking study was conducted.

152 respondents from academia, industry, and student communities participated.

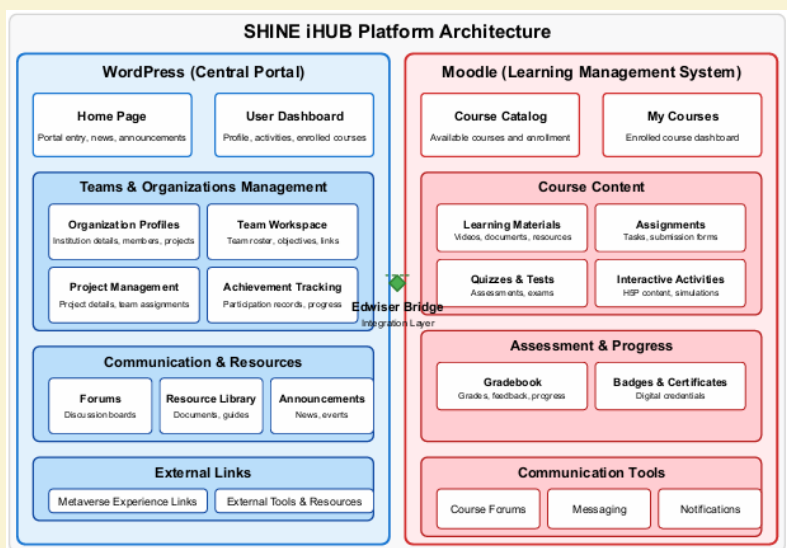
Key insights focused on:

- Educational gaps
- Digital learning needs
- Collaboration opportunities

These findings are instrumental in shaping innovative teaching methodologies and supporting the development of the SHINE iHub platform.



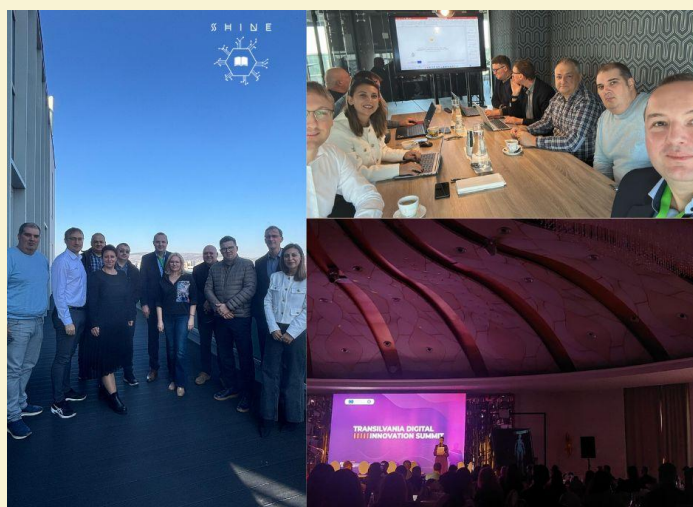
ADVANCING THE SHINE IHUB



Building on the needs analysis, the SHINE iHUB is being developed as a collaborative digital ecosystem connecting students, educators, and industry. It supports project-based learning, collaboration, and access to digital resources, powered by a WordPress–Moodle integration. This marks the transition from analysis to implementation.

TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT MEETING IN CLUJ-NAPOCA

Between 16–17 October 2025, the SHINE consortium met in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, for a Transnational Project Meeting hosted by Transilvania IT Cluster and the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca. Partners reviewed progress, exchanged insights, and planned the next steps for iHUB development, reinforcing a shared vision to enhance higher education through innovative and interdisciplinary approaches. The meeting also coincided with the Transilvania Digital Innovation Summit, enabling valuable connections with the wider innovation ecosystem.



SHINE AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

International Conference on Information Society and Technology ICIST 2026

The SHINE project was presented at ICIST 2026, where Marek Chodnicki and Nikola Vitković shared the project's latest developments and its approach to transforming higher education through interdisciplinary methodologies and innovation. The presentation also highlighted the completion of the needs analysis and benchmarking phase, which lays the foundation for the U-TEAM methodology and the upcoming pilot courses.



ICIST 2026
8-10.03.2026

Networking & Social Night – 19 March 2026

On 19 March 2026, Sergiu-Dan Stan presented the SHINE project at the Networking & Social Night organized by the Transilvania IT Cluster, highlighting its innovative approach to higher education and engaging with stakeholders from academia and industry. The event fostered valuable exchanges and reinforced the role of collaboration and knowledge-sharing in driving educational transformation.



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