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Special Session: Mobile learning and working – how ‚smart technologies‘ change our lives

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Title: Is E-learning a tool for education or is it the re-interpretation of education?

500 years ago We looked for the knowledge in our mind. Books contained „huge information” but it was complicated to reach it. 50 years ago if we had a question We tried to look for a book that helped us to answer it. Nowadays we get the answers without questions.

It is very often discussed how new technologies can influence the process of transmission and interpretation. In our presentation we would like to highlight the main questions and possible answers around e-learning, education and knowledge management.

At first we have to be able to outline what kind of „huge technological innovations” we are talking about:

- medieval codexes → paper based books → digitalized books → e-books → e-learning

Second we have to understand how we can understand or define e-learning:

- o New platform?
- o Online education?
- o Online self education?
- o SCORM based content management?
- o Khan Academy?
- o Is e-learning a new way to make money from education market? Does it make education and access to information cheaper?

Talking about the technologies without content is meaningless. We focus on the co-evolution process of ICT technologies and new education content for students.

The real question is that how can we correspond to future challenges when we use today's technologies with yesterday's contents?