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OER Network KlasCement (KC)

- www.klascement.net (º1998)
- More than 100 000 members
  More than 70 000 teachers in Flanders are member
  Almost 50% of teachers in primary, sec. & special educ.
- Almost 50 000 learning resources (most of them **O**pen **E**ducational **R**esources, Creative Commons license)
- Team of ± 10 validators (part-time teachers) checking metadata, mistakes, copyright
- Part of Ministry of Education in Flanders

WE LOVE TO SHARE … THIS MESSAGE:

Education resources created with Ministry of Education grants must be openly licensed and shared with the public.

Just like US:
https://creativecommons.org/2017/06/06/us-doe-open-licensing/

Why sharing?

- Voluntarily
- Help other teachers
- In return for all **INSPIRATION**

Advantages of KC-content:

- Content for some very specific subjects
- New content when sth happens in the world
- Content to enrich books

BUT …

15%

of all shared content at KlasCement is disapproved because of copyright violation

Examples of disapproved content

- Culture colors your life
- Europe
- Ergonomics
- Youth and mobile phone

Texts mostly ok

Images can be found on the internet, in hundredfold, nobody really knows who's the owner.

What we do to approve

Ask teachers to add source of text and image

Eg. Organ donation

But what if the source is not the right one?
Eg. *Tineye or Google reverse search* for images: who was first?

Workaround 1: Delete the text

Eg.
I divide a short story of an author into pieces.
I use **some** pieces in a lesson document.

I ask questions about every piece.

- In the classroom: I share copies of my document
- At KlasCement: I delete the story and replace it by the book title and name of the author

Extra work for me as a teacher and for the KC-user

Workaround 2: Replace picture by link

Eg.
I find a picture on the internet but it's not clear what the source is.

I use this picture in my document.

I share it on KlasCement.

Can we approve? No!

Workaround (which takes time):
We delete the picture and replace it with a link to the picture (but links can get broken).

Eg. Health

Workaround 3: Delete picture(s)

- Easy if it's a picture as decoration (eg. Donald Duck)
- Not easy if it's important for the lesson
- And it's not always clear!
  - At some sites you can ask permission
  - "Free of licence"
  - Stockphotos

A lot of questions!!

- I share a lesson about brands and marketing. Can I use the logos of the brands?

- I make a lesson about cartoons. I mention the source of every cartoon.
  - I can use the document in my classroom. OK?
  - I can share the document in the ELO of the school, so my students and their parents can download it. OK?
  - I share the document via KC. OK?

A lot of questions!!

- Lyrics of a song, while giving explanations about the text and words
- A trip to Paris: Eiffel tower without / with lights?
- The Atomium > Freedom of panorama (in BE)

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A lot of questions!!

- Comic with empty text balloons
- Lesson about art with the photos of sculptures, designs, buildings, ...
- Picture of an art work created by a student
- Pupil who recites a poem

A lot of questions!!

- Advertising folder > lesson about buying and selling.
- First Aid with ©-photos of the Flemish Cross.
- Event in the news: photos out of a newspaper.

Last but not least … Who's responsible?

- KlasCement checks all content for copyright violations.
- Why?
  - To protect the teacher who 'dares to share'
  - To make sure we offer content that has no mistakes.
  - To sensitize teachers about copyright
  - Because we don't want teachers getting sued because of a violation
- BUT!
  That makes KlasCement also vulnerable. Checking content improves the quality of our offer but also makes us responsible for copyight violation, as 'we could have checked or known it', as we're professionals.

What we ask

- An exception that works **the same in all EU member states**, so make it mandatory.
- An exception that works **for all of education**, including heritage institutions, NGO's and non-formal education, so open up the beneficiaries.
- An exception that is **clear cut and simple**.

Thank you

- Sorry … I didn't use pictures in my presentation!
  - No time to search for sources
  - I don't have to be afraid of copyright issues
  - Now you can share my slides online ☺

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