

**A MULTI BLENDED SOLUTION FOR EFFECTIVE
LEARNING:**

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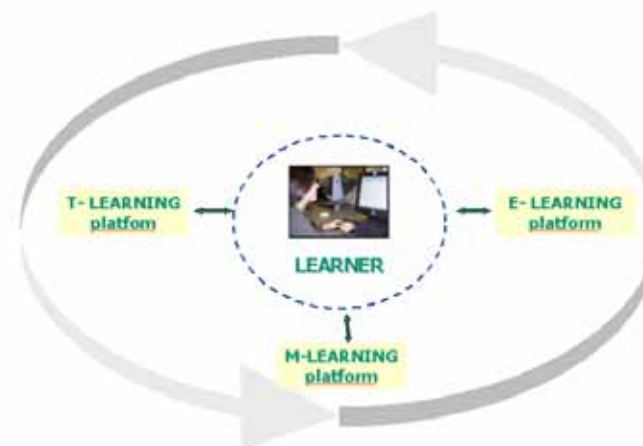
FOR.COM. is a InterUniversity Consortium
developing and delivering ODL courses
(ODL - Open Distance Learning)
applying innovative solutions and interactive tools in order to
promote flexible, tailored and collaborative learning process

MULTI BLENDED SOLUTION

FOR.COM. promotes an integrated learning system set up by

- [the eduC@mpus e-learning platform](#)
- [the m-learning portal](#)
- [the interactive television platform](#)

with the aim to meet the different and various learning
needs of the FOR.COM. students and offer different training
path based on a wide multimedia ICT solution



INTEGRATED LEARNING SYSTEM

The need to implement a flexible and integrated training model is due to the FOR.COM.target:

- adults learners, workers,
- highly skilled people;
- lifelong learners.

Training processes and didactic materials addressed to adult people should consider the “andragogy” theories (Knowles) for a successful adult learning process focusing on adults’ typical learning styles and how they learn.



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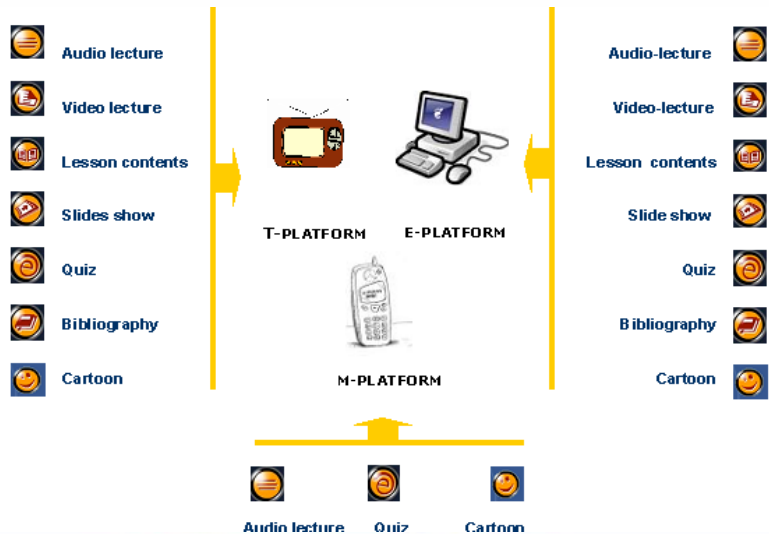
The core principles of the andragogy theory state that in order to learn more effectively the adult needs to be involved actively in the training course.

- The lifelong learner is
- an information seeker
 - a member of a community of practice
 - a problem solver

A lifelong learner usually undertakes all these roles and in the learning process constructs individual and personal knowledge.



INTEGRATED LEARNING SYSTEM



The eduC@mpus e-learning Platform

The FOR.COM. e-platform allows to realize a flexible learning process answering the dynamic training needs of the adult learner who asks to be the protagonist, the “manager” of his own formative process, the active constructor of knowledge.

- The FOR.COM. e-platform consists of different scenarios:
- Administrative Services
 - On-line courses
 - Tutoring



The m-learning portal

Mobile learning has a range of attributes that might contribute to its definition: it can be in-your-hands, in-your-pocket, on-demand, on-the-move, just-in-time and just-in-place.

M-courses foster a m-learning process as an *"addendum to go"* in combination with other forms of learning



The t-platform

The third component of the integrated system is the t-platform promoting the use of the television in the learning process.

The television is a very familiar instrument allowing to knock down any psychological barriers caused by the use of technologies in education



MULTI BLENDED SOLUTION Conclusions

the FOR.COM. Multi blended system considers the technologies as a mean to promote learning process and not the final end; FOR.COM. re-thinks to the **pedagogical methodology** in a **"ecological approach" (Bateson)** focusing on the users and not on the technology.

Based on the truism that learning is **inherently** social (Vygotsky), and that the individual mind is a part of an "ecology of mind systems" in constant interaction (Bateson), the FOR.COM. learning system promotes **effective learning processes based on interaction and collaboration**



MULTI BLENDED SOLUTION Conclusions

The FOR.COM. e-platform, the m-platform and the t-platform, providing users with different communication tools, allow them to interact and strengthen relationships every time and everywhere → birth of a COMMUNITY

