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## Executive Summary

The “Research on AI- and Simulation-Based Engineering at Exascale” (RAISE) project, as a Center of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence (AI) at Exascale, aims to accelerate knowledge transfer to academia, industry, and among the partners. It will support communities with less developed expertise. Education and training are important components to achieve these aims and to foster the development of Europe’s competitiveness on the global market.

Task 6.1 “*Training and education as services*” of Work Package 6 “*Outreach and Services*” of RAISE develops an education and training platform. It furthermore collects a portfolio of courses and training material related to AI, High-Performance Computing (HPC), and domain-specific and interdisciplinary topics. The platform with the collected course portfolio will serve the existing and potential user communities to bridge the knowledge gap in application and development of relevant tools.

The first portfolio of educational and training resources was compiled a year ago in project month M12 and was described in D6.2 “Educational portfolio document”. This document presents the continuation of the process. The development process of the portfolio as well as the upgrade of the platform are presented. This is based on the review and analysis of the portal structure of EuroHPC, EuroCC Access, and the Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe (PRACE). The course portfolio is complemented with education and training resources from professional and academic organizations. The educational portfolio will be updated regularly.

## 1 Introduction

The network of the European Center of Excellence in Exascale Computing “Research on AI- and Simulation-Based Engineering at Exascale” (CoE RAISE) continuously develops and provides best practices, support, and education for industry, Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs), academia, and High-Performance Computing (HPC) centers. This helps to attract new user communities and one of the essential elements in this is the work of Task 6.1 “*Training and education as a services*”, which is part of Work Package (WP) 6 “*Outreach and Services*” of CoE RAISE. The task started with the development of the Educational services platform<sup>1</sup> (provided in project month M6), see Deliverable D6.1, which is operational and has been moved from the cloud to the HPC servers of the Riga Technical University (RTU) recently. The users can find information on forthcoming training events and can search for courses already uploaded to the platform. Upgrade and extension of the Educational service platform is ongoing.

It is planned to report once a year (M12, M24, M36) on achievements describing changes of the education portfolio in accordance with the CoE RAISE developments and industrial/academic needs. The first Deliverable D6.2 created in M12 described a next step in the development of the Educational service platform by intensifying the collecting and updating of the course portfolio. This Deliverable D6.3, created in M24, describes the continuing process of upgrading the Educational service platform and the further development of the course portfolio.

At this stage, it was again recognized that the diversity of different educational resources is larger and the existing classification of the resources had to be upgraded and extended. Degree programs, separate courses, books, articles, and other AI, HPC, domain-specific and interdisciplinary educational resources from the professional and academic organizations were found and added to the portfolio. Based on the community requirements and the developments in the project, courses and training events organized by CoE RAISE partners will be advanced to be tailored for the communities’ special needs. Based on the user needs and to fill the knowledge gap, courses will be offered as a knowledge transfer to the scientific and industrial communities of the RAISE network. This also includes the development of special workshops for the communities. The courses, trainings, and workshops will be offered via webinars and e-learning courses, as well as on-site at the contributor’s location if conditions allow. It was recognized from the review of the portals, that the traditional synchronous in-person and online-teaching practice still prevails.

In the following, an overview of the Educational services system upgrades based on user experiences and analysis of other existing platforms is first presented in Sec. 2. This is followed by a presentation of the educational resource portfolio available from professional organizations such as the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE)<sup>2</sup>, European Information Technologies Certification Institute (EITCI)<sup>3</sup>, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)<sup>4</sup>, Harvard University<sup>5</sup>, and other providers in Sec. 3. The document closes with some conclusions in Sec. 4.

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<sup>1</sup> Educational service platform <https://raise.learning.lv/courses>

<sup>2</sup> IEEE <https://www.ieee.org>

<sup>3</sup> EITCI <https://eitci.org>

<sup>4</sup> MIT <https://www.mit.edu>

<sup>5</sup> Harvard University <https://www.harvard.edu>

## 2 Educational services system upgrade

The RAISE Educational services platform started operation in June 2021, and a number of updates were done on regular basis. In the previous Deliverable D6.2 (Educational portfolio document), updates to the course filtering criteria were described. The Educational services system has moved from the cloud to the RTU HPC server this year 2022, and some changes have been made to the functionality as well as to the visual design based on user experiences.

During the Mid-Term Project Review advice was received from the reviewers to look for opportunities to use other, more popular platforms for the RAISE education and training needs. An analysis of other existing portals was conducted during the development of the Educational service platform and the main results were presented in D6.1 (Educational service platform) in 2021. Now, some new portals (EuroHPC and EuroCC Access) are operational and it was decided to review the current situation.

Subsequently, a review of the portals with course offerings is presented Sec. 2.1, upgrades introduced in the Educational service platform are described in Sec. 2.2, and the course representation upgrade is presented in Sec. 2.3.

### 2.1 Review of the existing portals

The RAISE Educational service platform was created to present to potential users:

- forthcoming educational and training events (webinars, workshops etc.);
- long term existing learning resources such as e-learning, Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), podcasts etc.;
- collected portfolio of courses and training material from AI, HPC, and related topics not only from the project partners, but on a wider scope.

There are several education and training web portals that belong to organizations, enterprises, or projects offering courses. All these portals contain a portfolio of educational and training resources combined with a search option. Another typical component is a list of forthcoming training events. A review of existing solution was performed and presented in D6.1 (Educational service platform). From this review, a kind of “minimalistic” approach was taken to create the Educational service platform – just limited information on the featured course, but with a link to complete information and a limited number of search criteria to make this procedure easy for the user.

From the reviewers the advice to consider usability and visibility of the platform was provided:

*“The deliverable provides a good overview on technological aspects of such a platform, its current form and usability. Still, the effort requires better justification in the next period, as there are already platforms available with potentially higher visibility. In addition, the effort of maintaining and marketing RAISE’s platform beyond the project lifetime and in competition with larger and more established ones is unclear.”*

*“In the frame of WP6, the publication strategy of training offers should be revised. As there are already training portals in the HPC context (as e.g. from EuroCC within the eurocc-access.eu portal or from PRACE) their potential to serve RAISE should be explored. For the current placement on the RAISE website the number of offered training courses is small, the dates are unclear and the visibility is likely to be behind the one that could be reached by more established portals.”*

Based on this advice and the need for a regular update of the platform, a review of the few existing education and training portals mentioned is provided in the following. In more detail, Sec. 2.1.1 reviews the EuroHPC portal, Sec. 2.1.2 the portal of the Partner for Advanced Computing in Europe (PRACE)<sup>6</sup>, and Sec. 2.1.3 the EuroCC Access portal. Finally, some conclusions on these portals are drawn in Sec. 2.1.4.

### 2.1.1 EuroHPC portal

The EuroHPC portal is one of the newest and therefore it is analyzed first with respect to its functionality. A screenshot from the EuroHPC portal website<sup>7</sup> is presented in Figure 1.

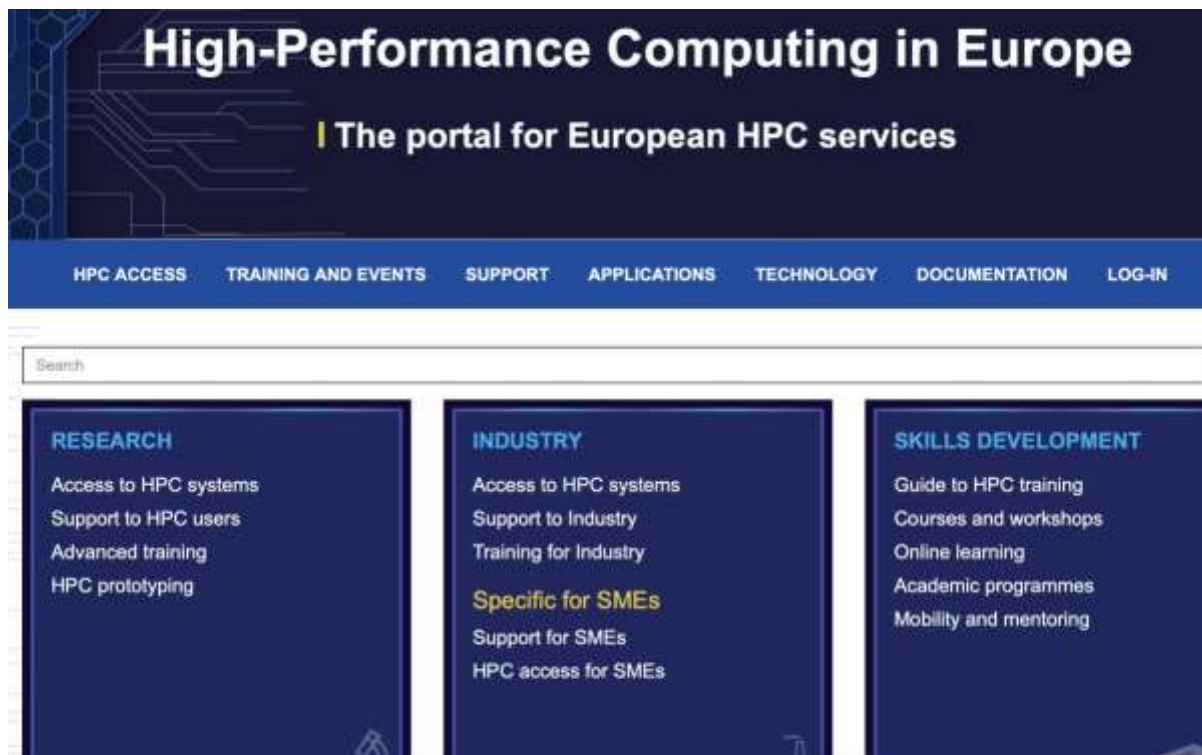


Figure 1: EuroHPC portal view.

The structure of the portal is quite complicated, and there are several choices to search for training resources:

- Training and Events,
- Advanced training (under Research),
- Training for Industry (under Industry),
- Guide to HPC training (under Skills development),
- Courses and workshops (under Skills development),
- Online learning (under Skills development),
- Academic programmes (under Skills development).

When choosing “Training and Events” even more choices, as shown in Figure 2, appear.

<sup>6</sup> PRACE <https://prace-ri.eu>

<sup>7</sup> EuroHPC portal <https://hpc-portal.eu>



Figure 2: Training and Events from EuroHPC portal.

When opening the link to „All training events“, we a new list of choices is provided – “Short courses“, “University courses“, “Providers and organisers“. When selecting the link to “All short courses (calendar)“ from “Short courses“, search options to find the appropriate course become available, see Figure 3.

Figure 3: Search options for the short courses in the EuroHPC portal.

From this figure it becomes obvious that courses available in the portal are related to particular projects and countries. In contrast, CoE RAISE’s Educational service platform does not have such limitations. Under “Technical domain“ a search option „Artificial intelligence (AI), machine and deep learning“ can be found among other choices, such as Accelerators, Parallel computing, Quantum computing etc. In RAISE’s platform, these are divided as three separate options under “Topic“ and there are more options related to AI, e.g., neural networks, robotics, computer vision, etc. In the section “Scientific domain“ of the EuroHPC portal, it is possible to search for courses in the particular science fields, such as engineering, mathematics, etc. The RAISE platform offers those under the name “Field“.



## 2.1.2 PRACE portal

One of the popular projects offering a wide range of training events and resources is PRACE. Education and training resources are available from the PRACE training portal<sup>8</sup>. The portal consists of several sections, cf. Figure 4:

- Upcoming training events;
- Materials;
- PRACE Tutorials;
- PRACE Code Vault;
- PRACE MOOCs.

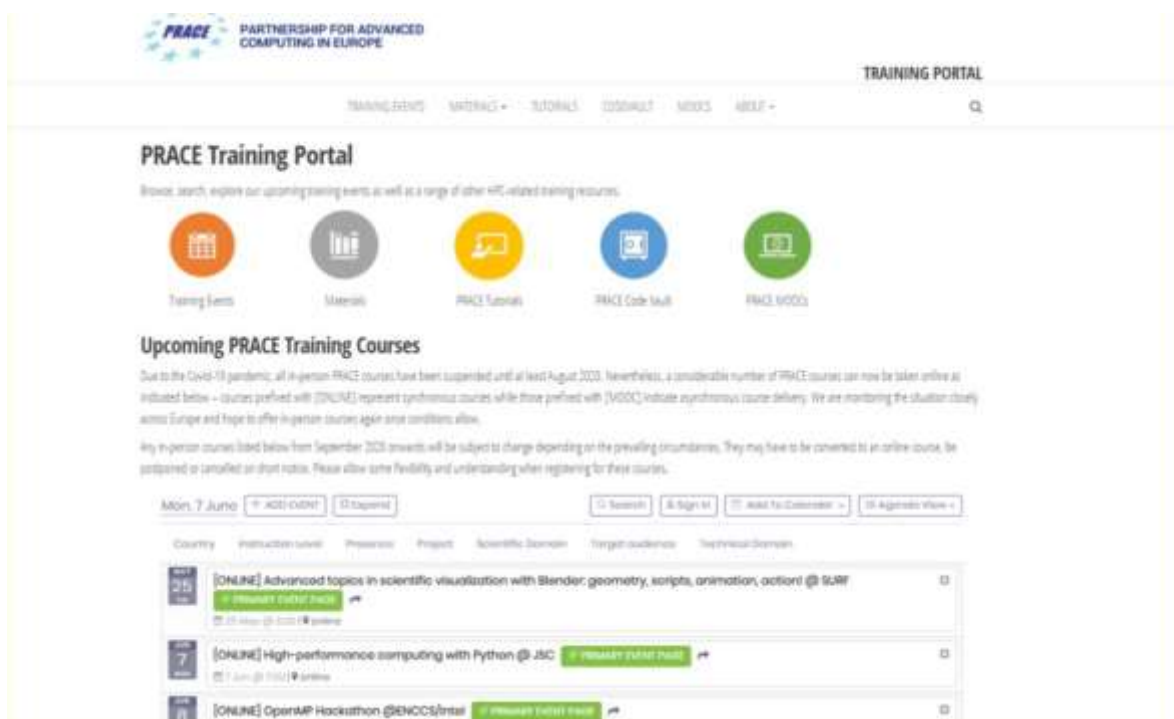


Figure 4: PRACE project training portal.

Upcoming training events (courses) are listed indicating the date and start time, as well as the format, for example “[Online]”. A link to full a description of the event is also provided. Materials, Tutorials, Code Vault and MOOCs can be interpreted as collections of training resources in various formats.

There is also an upgraded PRACE training portal<sup>9</sup> providing links to 14 PRACE training centers, a Summer School, and some additional features. However, the presentation format of the upcoming training events and training resources repositories is quite similar to the old PRACE portal.

The structure and functionality of the portal has already been analyzed in Deliverable D6.1. Unfortunately, registration for most of the training events is only possible for participants from PRACE member states.

<sup>8</sup> PRACE training portal <https://training.prace-ri.eu/>

<sup>9</sup> Upgraded PRACE training portal <https://prace-ri.eu/training-support/training/>

### 2.1.3 EuroCC Access portal

The EuroCC Access portal<sup>10</sup> collects information from 33 countries participating in the EuroCC project. Information about training events can be found under “Services”, which include upcoming training offers by the National Competence Centres (NCCs). Search options contain the Difficulty Level (Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Other), the Language, Country/NCC, the Audience (Research and Academia, Industry, Public Sector, Other (general public ...)), and the Format (In Person, Mixed, Online). To see all training offers, including past courses, it is advised to go to the EuroHPC portal. A screenshot of the portal is shown in Figure 5.



Figure 5: EuroCC training platform.

### 2.1.4 Conclusion on the analysis of the portals

After reviewing these three advised popular portals, it can be concluded that searching for a special course format in the EuroCC Access and Euro HPC portals is quite limited – In person, Online and Mixed. The meaning of the term “Online” is not explained, but it looks like representing **synchronous online teaching**, because in the course description is given an event timing (start – end) and also location on a map. This means that this portal does not contain **asynchronous online learning** resources such as e-learning courses, MOOCs, Open Education Resources (OER), and other self-learning materials. RAISE’s Educational service platform offers such courses in these formats.

The PRACE portal also contains MOOCs and other kind of training resources. One more feature is that PRACE training events are in most cases open just for persons from partner countries.

The portals reviewed contain a wide spectrum of courses from the project partners, mainly related to HPC applications, with AI being just one of the topics under “Technical domain”. In

<sup>10</sup> EuroCC Access portal <https://www.eurocc-access.eu>

contrast, RAISE's Educational service platform focuses on AI courses from all over the world and in all possible formats.

## 2.2 Upgrade of the Educational service platform

During the implementation of the project, it was realized that IT technology is an essential part of the whole Educational service platform (or just platform in the following). Without following the state-of-the-art in the Information Technology (IT) industry, the platform, as it was built a year ago, would quickly fall apart.

Like many other Content Delivery Networks (CDN) and platforms built on CDNs, the project faces the age-old need for IT updates to drive success in helping to maximize the value of the data on the platform.

In the following, reasons to upgrade the system and the results obtained are provided. In more detail, Sec. 2.2.1 reports on reasons for upgrading the platform, Sec. 2.2.2 on the technologies involved in the upgrade process, Sec. 2.2.3 on the achieved results for the given moment.

### 2.2.1 Reasons for upgrading the platform

Initially, the Educational service platform was developed and deployed on the Amazon Web Services (AWS)<sup>11</sup> cloud resources utilizing all the benefits that cloud-based infrastructure can offer. However, over time, the team concluded that partial or complete migration to local services would give some specific value to the project rather than just following the industry trends and moving everything from lambda functions to the whole Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) on third-party cloud services.

The main goal for the platform upgrade was to partly or entirely migrate to an IT product independent of global cloud service providers such as AWS, IBM, or Google. In addition, an additional benefit could be to offer the Educational service platform code to project IT teams for further improvement and long-term deployment in partners' local IT infrastructures.

Also, the reasons for the migration stem from the negative experience with the AWS DynamoDB service<sup>12</sup>. Although the DynamoDB database service is excellent for mockups and small-scale setups, it was estimated that unexpected expense-related problems could be faced in the long term. For example, one of the pitfalls would be unexpected gaining costs at possible service scaling. Another possibility is principal migration difficulties (which were faced during experiments) moving to other database schemes preferred for further platform development.

### 2.2.2 Upgrade process technologies

Before the platform upgrade, a vision was crafted to identify goals to achieve and to clear a path to get to the new level. More specifically, the developers had the vision to use a modern, microservices-based Java framework for the platform's backend. The Quarkus framework<sup>13</sup> was the first choice since the only acceptable option being relevant for the user-side application is the web browser. VAADIN<sup>14</sup> was also considered for the front-end development.

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<sup>11</sup> AWS <https://aws.amazon.com>

<sup>12</sup> AWS DynamoDB <https://aws.amazon.com/de/dynamodb/>

<sup>13</sup> Quarkus framework <https://quarkus.io>

<sup>14</sup> VAADIN <https://vaadin.com>

The last architectural element of the platform is the database. Here, PostgreSQL<sup>15</sup> (Postgres DB in Figure 6) was chosen; another option can be one of the NoSQL flavors, eg., MongoDB<sup>16</sup>.

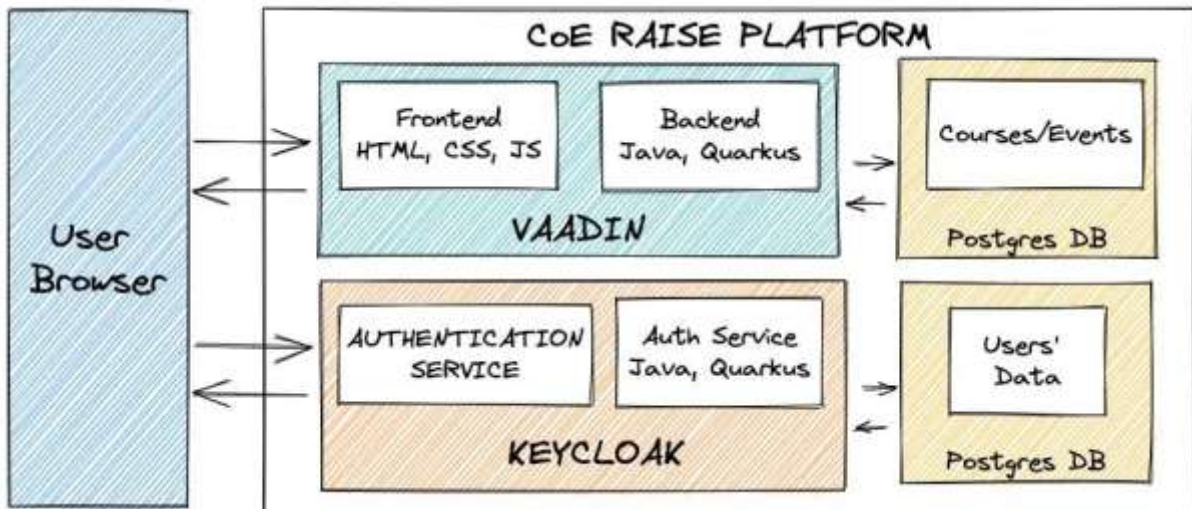


Figure 6: Towards updated Educational service platform architecture.

### 2.2.3 Upgrade results

**Users' authentication.** By migrating from on-the-cloud authentication (AWS Cognito) to a self-served platform, the open-source solution Keycloak<sup>17</sup> was included. This growing product opens a broad perspective for authentication integration in any modern but self-hosted infrastructure.

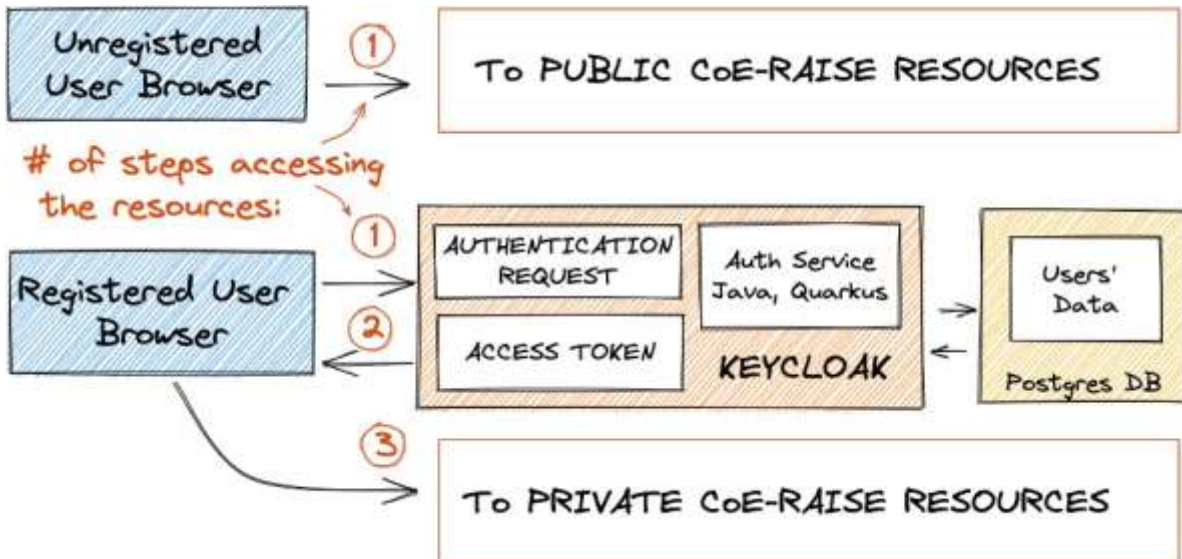


Figure 7: The Educational service platform authentication architecture.

Figure 7 demonstrates two distinct user categories - unregistered and registered users. Public resources are easily accessible in one step. In contrast, private resources are those that are under construction, outdated, or just hidden and are therefore not visible to the public. The database with platform users is stored on the platform's resource computer using the Keycloak

<sup>15</sup> PostgreSQL <https://www.postgresql.org>

<sup>16</sup> MongoDB <https://www.mongodb.com>

<sup>17</sup> Keycloak <https://www.keycloak.org>

service and the Postgres DB. Surprisingly, the latest Keycloak versions have migrated from the old Java 8 backend to the modern Quarkus framework.

On the Educational service platform, as in the initial version, there is still some hierarchy allowing control access to the platform resources. Currently, the platform authentication is almost completely moved to the local service; the email service is transferred from the AWS to the Google service, which is still free for the current platform utilization level.

**Email sending/receiving.** On the platform exist two-way communication services, see Figure 8. To send messages to registered users or to enable communication with potential users keen to register themselves on the platform, the Gmail Application Programming Interface (API)<sup>18</sup> is utilized. To receive email messages, a Gmail account is used. These services are evaluated as affordable for everyday use.

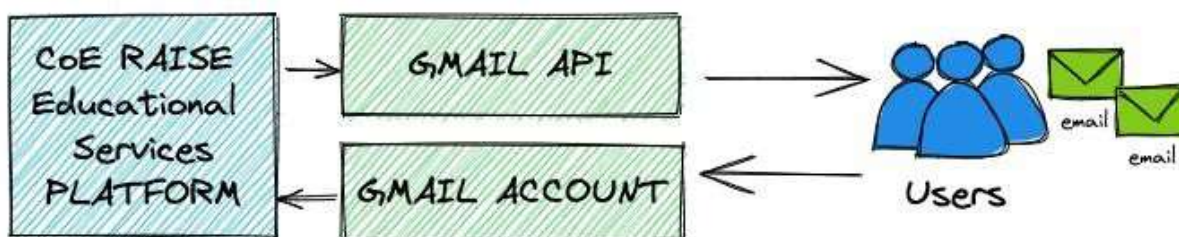


Figure 8: Google Mailing services implementation into the platform.

**Platform Analytics.** Initially, platform users accessing the web elements invoke events that produce data stored in local log files, which is quite a regular practice. After a while, the development team decided to store event data in a database towards more advanced auditing scenarios.

Finally, RAISE subscribed to the Google Analytics service<sup>19</sup>, which is a common practice for web service providers nowadays. Figure 9 shows the integration of this service in the platform. The service allows to access various forms of access data - log files, local DB records, and records on the Google Analytics platform. And yet, the set of observable objects and optimal documents granularity is still subject to debate and can vary depending on the team's needs at any given time.

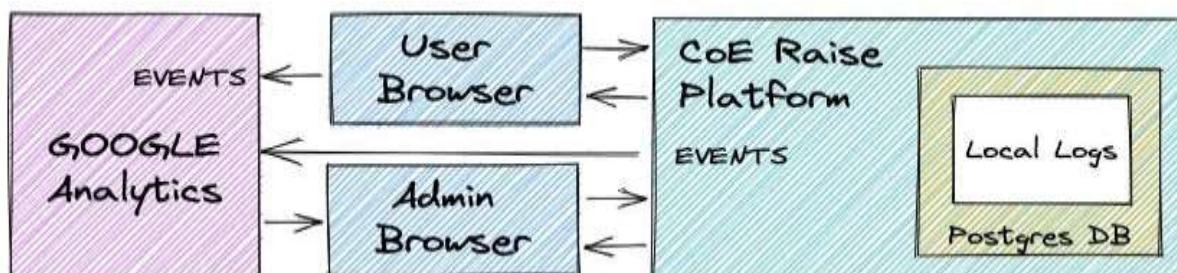


Figure 9: Google Analytics integration into the platform.

**Conclusion.** Overall, the partial migration of the Educational service platform provided great insight into cost models, technology analysis, and service optimization based on hands-on experience. Simply put, cloud-based mature services like the Gmail API are handy for quick and reliable service scaffolding. Custom system functionality with database schema design

<sup>18</sup> Gmail API <https://developers.google.com/gmail/api/guides>

<sup>19</sup> Google Analytics <https://analytics.google.com/analytics>

and complex integration should always be treated as a multi-dimensional optimization problem. There is no one magic pill – the best ammunition and armor should be leveraged: skills and experience.

### **2.3 Upgrade of the course representation**

The course criteria have been upgraded due to the growing diversity of education and training resources.

The previous upgrade added Degree programmes, ExpertTracks, Micro-Credentials, and Guided projects. Now reviewing available resources it was found that there is an offer of the Short Courses (~ one hour) which does not fit to other categories. Therefore, Short Courses were added to Online and e-learning formats, and Video and Articles were added to the Self-learning category. The changes are presented in Table 1 of Annex A1.

### 3 Courses, degree programs, and training resources from professional and academic organizations

Educational resources were collected from CoE RAISE's project partners, IT companies, and OER providers described in the previous Deliverable. The search for training courses and other resources from professional and academic organizations is ongoing and this section reports on the major findings. More specifically, Sec. 3.1 presents activities of IEEE and Sec. 3.2 of the ITCI Institute. This is followed by activities of the MIT and the Harvard University in Sec. 3.3 and Sec. 3.4. Finally, other activities are reported in Sec. 3.5.

#### 3.1 The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

IEEE is a global organization with members in all regions and is the world's largest technical professional organization with the mission to foster technological innovation and excellence for the benefit of humanity.

The IEEE Strategic Plan (2020 – 2025) among other goals are:

- Drive global innovation through broad collaboration and the sharing of knowledge;
- Be a trusted source of educational services and resources to support life-long learning.

There is the IEEE Learning Network<sup>20</sup> providing a catalog of educational resources<sup>21</sup> for IEEE members as well as for the general public.

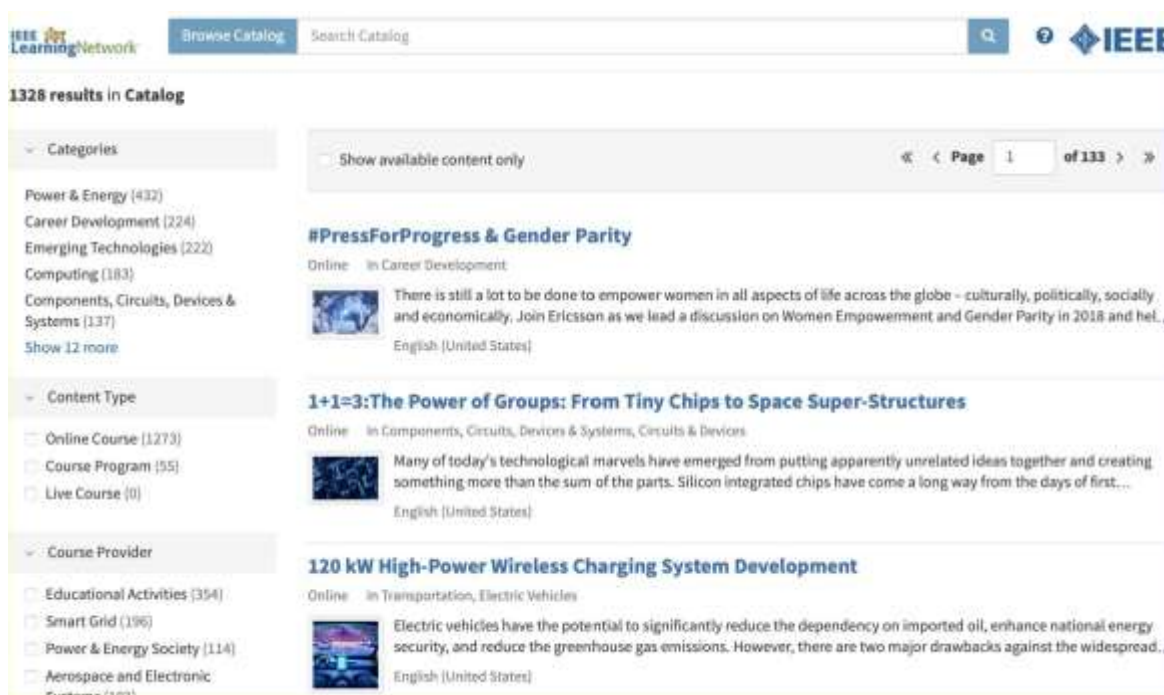


Figure 10: IEEE Learning Network catalog.

<sup>20</sup> IEEE Learning Network <https://www.ieee.org/education/iln.html>

<sup>21</sup> IEEE Learning Network catalog <https://iln.ieee.org/public/searchresults?q=&at=T&ty=ML.BASE.DV.SearchAnyWords&ln=>

There are 17 different categories (“Fields” in CoE RAISE’s platform) such as computing, aerospace, robotics, etc., and 37 kinds of course providers. There are now 1,328 resources and after searching, it is found that 105 of them are related to AI. Figure 10 shows a screenshot of the catalog.

There are different communities in IEEE related to specific science and technology fields. IEEE engineering resources are published through topic-specific Resource Centers<sup>22</sup> and hosted by specific IEEE societies and technical communities. IEEE members get discounts on many resources, and IEEE society members receive almost all resources from their Resource Center for free.

### 3.2 The European Information Technologies Certification Institute

One of professional organizations offering courses in AI is EITCI Institute, which is an international non-profit organization providing certification and accreditation. In collaboration with academic and industrial experts, they organize high-quality IT training and education that conclude with the issuance of a certificate. EITC provides skills certification with international recognition, secure digital validation and permanent validity — no recertification required. The entire training and certification process is carried out by the European IT Certification Academy (EITCA)<sup>23</sup>.

EITCA provides online open-access to all materials, and the courses are based on the asynchronous distance learning methodology. There are no specifically organized classes and everybody studies to prepare for the exam when they can. A typical course is designed for approximately 15 hours of individual study and could be completed in two days or in a month, depending on the learner. Online consultations are also available. Courses end with an exam that tests theoretical knowledge and practical skills acquired. The exam can be repeated and upon successful completion the certificate is issued.

The course enrolment fee is 110 EUR for 15 hours of an online learning curriculum. Enrolment provides lifetime and full access to all of the e-platforms covering all services: Access to course materials, online consultations with experts, learning and exam (fully online), individual schedule with no time limit, and unlimited exam retakes.

EITCA also offers a certification program specialized in AI, i.e., the “EITCA/AI Artificial Intelligence Academy<sup>24</sup>” consists of 12 relevant European IT certification courses. This 180-hour curriculum is well suited for both beginners and experts. The following list provides an overview of the AI-related courses:

1. EITC/AI/GCML: Google Cloud Machine Learning
2. EITC/AI/GVAPI: Google Vision API
3. EITC/AI/TFF: TensorFlow Fundamentals
4. EITC/AI/MLP: Machine Learning with Python
5. EITC/AI/DLTF: Deep Learning with TensorFlow
6. EITC/AI/DLPTFK: Deep Learning with Python, TensorFlow and Keras
7. EITC/AI/DLPP: Deep Learning with Python and PyTorch

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<sup>22</sup> IEEE Resource Centres <https://www.ieee.org/communities/ieee-resource-centers/find-your-ieee-resource-center.html>

<sup>23</sup> European IT Certification Academy <https://eitca.org>

<sup>24</sup> EITCA/AI Artificial Intelligence Academy programme <https://eitca.org/certification/eitca-ai-artificial-intelligence-academy/>



8. EITC/AI/TFQML: TensorFlow Quantum Machine Learning
9. EITC/AI/ADL: Advanced Deep Learning
10. EITC/AI/ARL: Advanced Reinforced Learning
11. EITC/CP/PPF: Python Programming Fundamentals
12. EITC/CL/GCP: Google Cloud Platform

### 3.3 Massachusetts Institute of Technology

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology offers the website Open Course Ware<sup>25</sup>, where it is possible to search for courses, materials, and teaching resources. Any keyword phrase can be entered into the search window. In general, two separate filters are used for courses and resources.

Resources can be searched by only two categories – 17 Resource Types, and 22 Topics. Courses can be searched by four different categories. First of all, courses can be found by 16 Departments, and all courses provided by each of them are provided. In addition to this, the Levels are divided into undergraduate and graduate categories. The next filter is Topics, which categorizes by the number of items containing the topic. Overall, there are 102 Topics, Engineering having 55 courses, and Urban Studies only containing one course. Another feature that has not been found anywhere else, is Features, indicating several types of videos, audios, notes, and many more. Out of 39 Features, the most common one is Lecture notes with 663 records.

Although AI isn't one of topics to choose from, it appears in 862 course topics and in 2,644 resources. For each item found, the Level, name of the course, names of the teachers, as well as topics included according to the filters are provided. When opening a specific course (see Figure 11), the course description, course information with instructors, departments, and topics as well as learning resource types are visible in the center of the screen. On the left side, syllabus, calendar, readings, lecture notes, exams, projects, study materials, and related resources are available. On the right side, an example of lecture notes is seen as well as a button Download Course.

The screenshot displays the MIT OpenCourseWare interface for the 'Artificial Intelligence' course. At the top, the MIT OpenCourseWare logo and navigation links are visible. The main content area is divided into several sections: a sidebar on the left with navigation links (Syllabus, Calendar, Readings, Lecture Notes, Exams, Projects, Study Materials, Related Resources), a central 'COURSE DESCRIPTION' section with a brief overview and a 'Show more' link, a 'COURSE INFO' section listing instructors (Prof. Leslie Kaelbling and Prof. Tomás Lozano-Pérez) and departments (Electrical Engineering and Computer Science), and a 'LEARNING RESOURCE TYPES' section with buttons for 'Lecture Notes' and 'Projects'. On the right side, there is a diagram of a decision tree and a 'Download Course' button.

Figure 11: MIT course “Artificial Intelligence“.

<sup>25</sup> MIT Open Course Ware <https://ocw.mit.edu/>

### 3.4 Harvard University

Digital Access to Scholarship at Harvard (DASH)<sup>26</sup> is a central, open-access repository of research by members of the Harvard community, according to its website. It is possible to browse by communities and collections, issue date, author, title, keyword, or department. When entering the keyword AI, 1,652 instances are found, and displayed at the center of the screen. On the right side of the screen, items can be further filtered by author, keyword, department, or date issued.

Opening a specific item from the search results displays information about the title, pdf, author, metadata, collections, citation, abstract, terms of use, and citable link to the page, see Figure 12. A large number of items are available. However, it is not possible to find courses and course materials, but mostly theses or dissertations. Since the number of pages per search are not displayed, it is not easy to navigate between the pages.

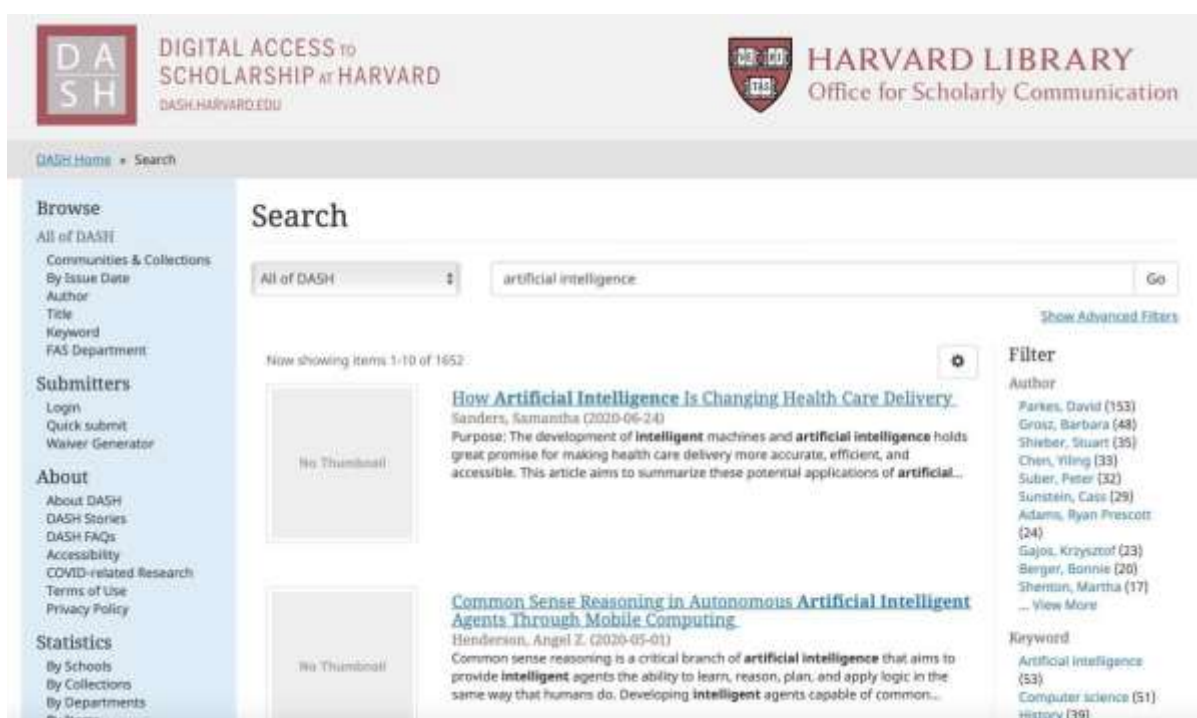


Figure 12: Course search in the Harvard University Library.

### 3.5 Other websites with course offers

There are several further websites offering trainings, having, however, certain limitations. One of such websites is UpGrad<sup>27</sup>, which states to offer courses, for example, five courses in Machine Learning (ML) and AI. However, after selecting the filter, five featured programs from five different universities appear and no courses. When choosing an item from the selection, only a brochure or a brief overview is provided. In case a student is interested in one of the courses and wants to apply, an e-mail should be written.

Another website offering courses is DataCamp<sup>28</sup>, which uses filters by readiness to learn courses, tracks, or technologies. For courses, three levels (beginner, intermediate, advanced)

<sup>26</sup> DASH <https://dash.harvard.edu>

<sup>27</sup> UpGrad <https://www.upgrad.com>

<sup>28</sup> Data Camp <https://www.datacamp.com>

and 10 topics are used. For tracks, skill and career tracks can be chosen from and for technologies, seven different criteria. Amongst many criteria, this website offers certification and resources. Resources can be filtered according to 10 topics, 10 industry spheres, six roles, nine resource types, and seven technology selections. Overall, it offers 158 webinars, 22 podcasts, 20 white papers, 20 cheatsheets, 16 case studies, 7 data sheets, one e-book, and one tool. Figure 13 shows the DataCamp website.

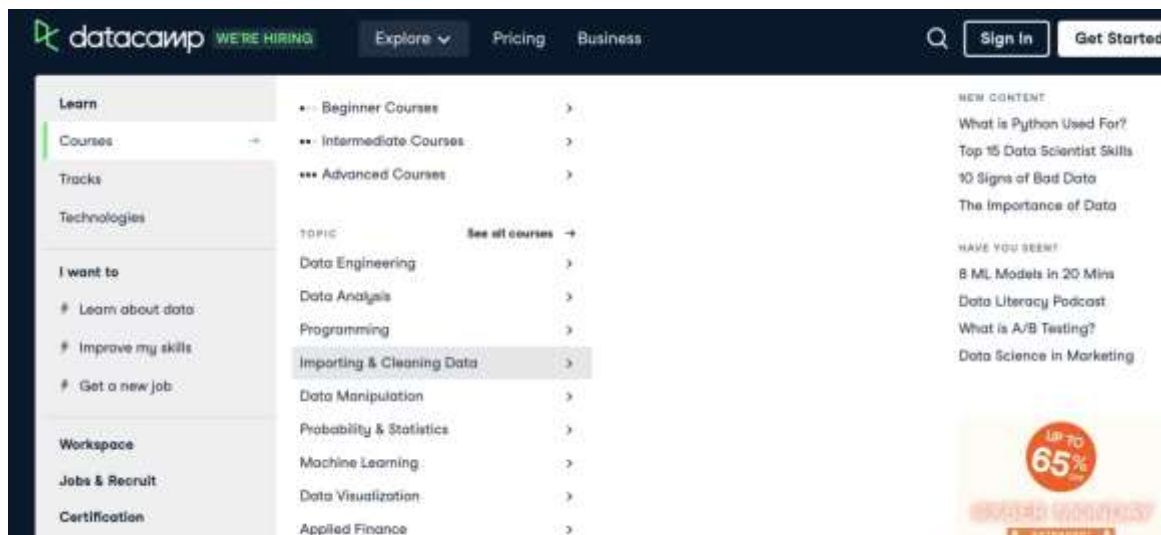


Figure 13: DataCamp website with course filter.

Free access is limited to every first chapter being free of charge as well as six free courses. Other types of access are chargeable.

This section presented several websites from professional organizations, universities, and other providers offering educational and training resources in AI related topics. The search for more resources will be continued.

## 4 Conclusions

There are a lot of platforms dedicated to training and education events. A review of the popular EuroHPC, PRACE, and EuroCC Access portals shows that they contain a wide spectrum of mainly HPC-application-related courses from the project partners, with AI being only one of the topics. The CoE RAISE Educational service platform is offering courses in the wider scope with the focus on AI topics, not only from the RAISE partners, but also from resources all over the world and in all possible formats.

The extension of the course portfolio and the upgrade of the Educational service platform will be continued. In Deliverable D6.2 (Educational portfolio document) published a year ago there were 78 AI related educational and training resources on the platform. Since then, the number of resources in the platform increased to 152. Further courses created during the CoE RAISE project will be added to the Educational portfolio as soon as they are ready.

The Educational service platform has been moved from the cloud to RTU's HPC servers and its functionality upgraded, i.e., new functions were added and new course filter criteria were added. The upgrade and extension of the Educational service platform is ongoing.

## Annex A

### A.1 Upgraded course filter criteria

Certain criteria have been developed to search for courses on the Educational services platform. These criteria were described in Sec. 2.2 of Deliverable D6.1. The first upgrade took place a year ago and was described in the Deliverable D6.2. Here, some new upgraded criteria (in red) are presented in Table 1. The upgrade of the criteria was necessary to better categorize the courses in the appropriate group when information is uploaded.

|               | First level choice   | Second level choice | Comment   |
|---------------|--|---------------------|---|
| <b>Topic:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artificial Intelligence – general</li> <li>• Machine Learning</li> <li>• Deep Learning</li> <li>• Reinforcement Learning</li> <li>• Neural Networks</li> <li>• Robotics</li> <li>• Computer Vision</li> <li>• Natural Language Processing</li> <li>• Recommender Systems</li> <li>• Algorithmic Game Theory</li> <li>• Computational Mechanism Design</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul> | -                   | -   |
| <b>Level:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential users</li> <li>• Beginners</li> <li>• Intermediate</li> <li>• Advanced</li> </ul>   | -                   | For the potential users, there could be organized attractive lectures and introductory courses with no demand of any previous knowledge in the field. For higher levels, some prerequisites are demanded. |
| <b>Field:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundamental Science</li> <li>• Engineering and Mathematics</li> </ul>   | -                   | -   |

|                  |  |   |  |
|------------------|--|---|--|
|                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IT and Computer science</li> <li>• Industry applications</li> <li>• Nature and Environment</li> <li>• Healthcare and Medicine</li> <li>• Education</li> <li>• Business and Management</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul> |   |  |
| <b>Format:</b>   | Face-to-Face   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lecture</li> <li>• Lecture with hands-on (practice)</li> <li>• Workshop/Tutorial</li> <li>• Hands-on/Guided project</li> <li>• Project/Teamwork/Hackathon</li> <li>• Summer School</li> <li>• Micro-credential/Expert Track</li> <li>• Degree programme</li> </ul> | Traditional training format  |
|                  | Online teaching/training   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lecture</li> <li>• Lecture with hands-on (practice)</li> <li>• Workshop/Tutorial</li> <li>• Hands-on/Guided project</li> <li>• <b>Short course</b></li> <li>• Micro-credential/Expert Track</li> <li>• Degree programme</li> </ul>                                 | Remote synchronous online lectures and training events using appropriate technologies                          |
|                  | Distance learning  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• e-learning course</li> <li>• MOOC</li> <li>• Guided project</li> <li>• <b>Short course</b></li> <li>• Micro-credential/Expert Track</li> <li>• Degree programme</li> </ul>   | Traditional distance education technology and methodology with mainly asynchronous learning with tutor support |
|                  | Self-learning  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video recording of training event</li> <li>• Tutorials</li> <li>• Podcast</li> <li>• <b>Video</b></li> <li>• Course material</li> <li>• <b>Article</b></li> <li>• Book</li> <li>• Open Educational Resource</li> </ul>   | Self-learning without tutor support  |
| <b>Language:</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English</li> <li>• German</li> <li>• Spanish</li> <li>• Dutch</li> <li>• French</li> </ul>  | -   | -  |

|  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Icelandic</li> <li>• Italian</li> <li>• Latvian</li> </ul> |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|

Table 1: Course filter criteria.

## A.2 List of courses

The list of courses and other educational and training resources collected within the project at M12 is presented in in the following Table 2 to Table 8. Detailed information on each resource can be found at the Educational service platform<sup>29</sup>.

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|    | FORMAT :                 | RESOURCE TITLE :  |
|----|--------------------------|---|
| 1  | Online teaching/training | A.I. as a Tool for Change   |
| 2  | Distance learning        | AI For Everyone   |
| 3  | Distance learning        | AI Foundations for Everyone Specialization                        |
| 4  | Self-learning            | ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE: RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY AND BUSINESS IN OER |
| 5  | Online teaching/training | Business Implications of AI                                       |
| 6  | Online teaching/training | Data Analysis and Plotting in Python with Pandas                  |
| 7  | Distance learning        | Elements of AI  |
| 8  | Distance learning        | Ethics of AI  |
| 9  | Online teaching/training | IEVADS AUGSTAS VEIKTSPĒJAS SKAITĻĒŠANAS TEHNOLOĢIJĀ CUDA          |
| 10 | Online teaching/training | Interactive High-Performance Computing with Jupyter               |
| 11 | Face-to-Face             | Introduction to High Performance Computing Technology CUDA        |
| 12 | Self-learning            | Life 3.0: Being Human in the Age of Artificial Intelligence       |
| 13 | Online teaching/training | ON-DEMAND WEBINAR: Bootcamp Warm-Up: AI Literacy                  |
| 14 | Online teaching/training | Sense & Sensibility of AI   |
| 15 | Self-learning            | The Future of AI, Security, and the Edge                          |
| 16 | Distance learning        | Understanding Machine Learning                                    |
| 17 | Self-learning            | What is the Algorithmic Game Theory? Explained With Examples      |
| 18 | Self-learning            | What is Artificial Intelligence?                                  |

In total (for POTENTIAL USERS) on the platform, 18 / 157 resources published

Table 2: Course filter criteria 1/7.

<sup>29</sup> Educational service platform <https://raise.learning.lv/courses>

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| FORMAT | RESOURCE TITLE   |
|--------|--|
| 1      | Self-learning<br>Interactive HPC with JupyterLab   |
| 2      | Online teaching/training<br>Interactive HPC with JupyterLab  |
| 3      | Face-to-Face<br>A.I. DEVELOPER - DATA OPERATOR   |
| 4      | Face-to-Face<br>ACM Europe Summer School on HPC Computer Architectures for AI and Dedicated Applications |
| 5      | Face-to-Face<br>AI Academy   |
| 6      | Online teaching/training<br>AI Training  |
| 7      | Online teaching/training<br>AI and Segmentation in Radiotherapy  |
| 8      | Distance learning<br>AI for Materials Industry   |
| 9      | Distance learning<br>AI&Predictive Analytics in Data Center Environments                                 |
| 10     | Online teaching/training<br>AUGSTAS VEIKTSPĒJAS SKAITĻDĀŠANAS TEHNOLĒGIJAS CUDA LIETIŠKAIS LIETOJUMS     |
| 11     | Self-learning<br>Accelerating Machine Learning with GraphCore  |
| 12     | Online teaching/training<br>Accelerating Machine Learning with GraphCore                                 |
| 13     | Distance learning<br>Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Earth Monitoring                                   |
| 14     | Distance learning<br>Artificial Intelligence in Bioinformatics   |
| 15     | Online teaching/training<br>BSC GPU Hackathon - HPC+AI   |
| 16     | Online teaching/training<br>BSC-NVIDIA GPU Hackathon for HPC and AI                                      |
| 17     | Online teaching/training<br>Bioinformatics and AI  |
| 18     | Face-to-Face<br>Cybersecurity Solutions in High Performance Computing Environment                        |
| 19     | Self-learning<br>EUROCC TRAINING EVENT (IT2021): DAY 1   |

Table 3: Course filter criteria 2/7.



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|    | FORMAT ↕                 | RESOURCE TITLE ↕   |
|----|--------------------------|--|
| 20 | Self-learning            | EUROCC TRAINING EVENT (IT2021): DAY 2  |
| 21 | Face-to-Face             | HDCRS Summer School: Summer School on High-Performance and Disruptive Computing in Remote Sensing            |
| 22 | Self-learning            | HDCRS Summer School: Summer School on High-Performance and Disruptive Computing in Remote Sensing            |
| 23 | Self-learning            | HPC Beginner Training Event  |
| 24 | Online teaching/training | HPC Systems Engineering in the Interaction Room  |
| 25 | Self-learning            | HPC Systems Engineering in the Interaction Room  |
| 26 | Face-to-Face             | High Performance Computing Technology CUDA   |
| 27 | Face-to-Face             | Introduction to HPC Applications, Systems, Programming Models and Machine Learning and Data Analytics        |
| 28 | Face-to-Face             | Introduction to genetic algorithms   |
| 29 | Distance learning        | Learn To Create AI Assistant (JARVIS) With Python  |
| 30 | Self-learning            | MLOps with ClearML   |
| 31 | Online teaching/training | MLOps with ClearML   |
| 32 | Distance learning        | Machine Learning   |
| 33 | Distance learning        | Machine Learning in Weather & Climate  |
| 34 | Online teaching/training | Massively Parallel GPU Computing with CUDA: Introduction   |
| 35 | Online teaching/training | Nature Reviews Physics – AI for science and government (ASG) series  |
| 36 | Distance learning        | Professional Certificate in AI and Cloud Computing: Implementation Strategies for Business                   |
| 37 | Distance learning        | Professional Certificate in Data Engineering Fundamentals  |
| 38 | Distance learning        | Professional Certificate in Essential Technologies for Business  |
| 39 | Distance learning        | Professional Certificate in Fundamentos de Inteligencia Artificial   |
| 40 | Distance learning        | Professional Certificate in Introduction to Python Programming   |
| 41 | Self-learning            | Quantum Support Vector Machine Algorithms  |
| 42 | Online teaching/training | Quantum Support Vector Machine Algorithms  |
| 43 | Distance learning        | TensorFlow Fundamentals  |
| 44 | Online teaching/training | Tutorial at Information Technology Conference: Parallel & Scalable Machine & Deep Learning with Applications |

In total (for BEGINNERS) on the platform, 44 / 157 resources published

Table 4: Course filter criteria 3/7.

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| FORMAT : | RESOURCE TITLE :  |
|----------|---|
| 1        | Online teaching/training ACM Europe Summer School on HPC Computer Architectures for AI and Dedicated Applications |
| 2        | Distance learning AI for healthcare   |
| 3        | Self-learning AI in Business  |
| 4        | Self-learning Accelerating Machine Learning with CUDA   |
| 5        | Online teaching/training Accelerating Machine Learning with CUDA  |
| 6        | Face-to-Face Advanced Multiscale CFD and Turbulence Modelling targeting HPC                                       |
| 7        | Face-to-Face Artificial neural systems in information processing  |
| 8        | Face-to-Face Artificial neuron and neural networks  |
| 9        | Face-to-Face Basics of data processing and data mining  |
| 10       | Self-learning Brief Introduction to Autoencoders  |
| 11       | Online teaching/training Brief Introduction to Autoencoders   |
| 12       | Distance learning Building Recommender Systems with Machine Learning and AI                                       |
| 13       | Face-to-Face Business Optimizer Bootcamp (OptaPlanner)  |
| 14       | Distance learning Concepts of Machine Learning  |
| 15       | Self-learning Data Skeptic - Podcasts   |
| 16       | Self-learning Data Stories  |
| 17       | Face-to-Face Data mining and knowledge discovery  |
| 18       | Distance learning Deep Learning Specialization  |
| 19       | Online teaching/training Directive-based GPU programming with OpenACC   |
| 20       | Self-learning Distributed Deep Learning   |

Table 5: Course filter criteria 4/7.

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|    | FORMAT :                 | RESOURCE TITLE :   |
|----|--------------------------|--|
| 21 | Online teaching/training | Distributed Deep Learning  |
| 22 | Online teaching/training | Energy reduction for AI workloads  |
| 23 | Self-learning            | Energy reduction for AI workloads  |
| 24 | Face-to-Face             | Evolutionary and genetic algorithms  |
| 25 | Online teaching/training | Git based CI/CD for ML   |
| 26 | Online teaching/training | High-performance computing with Python   |
| 27 | Online teaching/training | Hybrid BSC RS: European Strategies and Regulations on AI   |
| 28 | Self-learning            | Hyperparameter Tuning with Ray Tune  |
| 29 | Online teaching/training | Hyperparameter Tuning with Ray Tune  |
| 30 | Face-to-Face             | Intelligent computer technologies  |
| 31 | Face-to-Face             | Intelligent computer technologies and systems  |
| 32 | Online teaching/training | Introduction to Scalable Deep Learning   |
| 33 | Face-to-Face             | Introduction to artificial neural networks   |
| 34 | Online teaching/training | Introduction to machine learning in the application area of fluid mechanics and combustion using HPC |
| 35 | Self-learning            | Lex Fridman Podcast  |
| 36 | Self-learning            | Linear Digressions   |
| 37 | Self-learning            | Machine Learning Guide   |
| 38 | Distance learning        | Machine Learning Specialization  |
| 39 | Self-learning            | Machine Learning on AWS  |
| 40 | Self-learning            | Machine Learning: a Probabilistic Perspective  |
| 41 | Distance learning        | Master in Artificial Intelligence  |
| 42 | Distance learning        | Master's Degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering   |
| 43 | Distance learning        | Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering  |
| 44 | Distance learning        | MicroMasters Program in Quantum Technology: Computing  |
| 45 | Self-learning            | Modelling/Simulations of Molecular Systems   |

Table 6: Course filter criteria 5/7.

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| FORMAT : | RESOURCE TITLE :         |  |
|----------|--------------------------|--|
| 46       | Self-learning            | Nature Reviews Physics: Machine learning in astrophysics and cosmology                       |
| 47       | Online teaching/training | Nature Reviews Physics: Machine learning in astrophysics and cosmology                       |
| 48       | Online teaching/training | Nature Reviews Physics: Machine learning in condensed matter and materials physics           |
| 49       | Online teaching/training | Nature Reviews Physics: Machine learning in condensed matter and materials physics           |
| 50       | Online teaching/training | Nature Reviews Physics: Machine learning in fluid dynamics and climate physics               |
| 51       | Self-learning            | Nature Reviews Physics: Machine learning in fluid dynamics and climate physics               |
| 52       | Online teaching/training | Nature Reviews Physics: Machine learning in theoretical and experimental high energy physics |
| 53       | Self-learning            | Nature Reviews Physics: Machine learning in theoretical and experimental high energy physics |
| 54       | Online teaching/training | Nature Reviews Physics: Machine learning research in industry                                |
| 55       | Self-learning            | Nature Reviews Physics: Machine learning research in industry                                |
| 56       | Distance learning        | Neural Networks and Deep Learning  |
| 57       | Face-to-Face             | Ontology in data retrieval   |
| 58       | Online teaching/training | PATC: Introduction into the Big Data Analytics @ BSC   |
| 59       | Face-to-Face             | POSGRADO EN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WITH DEEP LEARNING                                       |
| 60       | Face-to-Face             | POSGRADO EN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WITH DEEP LEARNING                                       |
| 61       | Online teaching/training | PUMPS+AI Summer School 2021  |
| 62       | Distance learning        | Professional Certificate in AI in Practice   |
| 63       | Distance learning        | Professional Certificate in Applied AI   |
| 64       | Distance learning        | Professional Certificate in Buildings as Sustainable Energy Systems                          |
| 65       | Distance learning        | Professional Certificate in Computer Science for Artificial Intelligence                     |
| 66       | Distance learning        | Professional Certificate in Deep Learning  |
| 67       | Distance learning        | Professional Certificate in Foundations of AI  |
| 68       | Distance learning        | Professional Certificate in Fundamentals of Google AI for Web Based Machine Learning         |
| 69       | Distance learning        | Professional Certificate in Inteligencia artificial aplicada                                 |
| 70       | Distance learning        | Professional Certificate in Python Data Science  |

Table 7: Course filter criteria 6/7.

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| FORMAT : | RESOURCE TITLE :         |   |
|----------|--------------------------|---|
| 71       | Distance learning        | Professional Certificate in Tiny Machine Learning (TinyML)                              |
| 72       | Online teaching/training | SciML GPU Bootcamp  |
| 73       | Self-learning            | SuperDataScience  |
| 74       | Self-learning            | Talking Machines  |
| 75       | Self-learning            | The TWIML AI Podcast (formerly This Week in Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence) |

In total (for INTERMEDIATE USERS) on the platform, 75 / 157 resources published

Table 8: Course filter criteria 7/7.

## List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| AI        | Artificial intelligence   |
| API       | Application Programming Interface   |
| AWS       | Amazon Web Services   |
| DASH      | Digital Access to Scholarship at Harvard  |
| CDN       | Content Delivery Network  |
| CoE RAISE | Center of Excellence "Research on AI- and Simulation-Based Engineering at Exascale" |
| EITCA     | European IT Certification Academy   |
| EITCI     | European Information Technologies Certification Institute                           |
| FocusCoE  | Network of the Centres of Excellence in HPC   |
| FZJ       | Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH   |
| HPC       | High-Performance Computing  |
| IEEE      | Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers                                   |
| IaaS      | Infrastructure as a Service   |
| IT        | Information Technology  |
| MIT       | Massachusetts Institute of Technology   |
| ML        | Machine Learning  |
| MOOC      | Massive Open Online Course  |
| NCC       | National Competence Centre  |
| OER       | Open Educational Resource   |
| PMT       | Project management team   |
| PRACE     | Partnership for Advanced Computing in Europe  |
| RAISE     | see CoE RAISE   |
| RTU       | Riga Technical University   |
| SAFRAN    | Safran Helicopter Engines   |
| SME       | Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprise  |
| WP        | Work Package  |