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Informal (and non-formal) learning becomes one of the main open questions in Education, when we discuss how to integrate formal itineraries with the *actual* world, outside the classroom. Furthermore, how to combine the most and the best from both worlds which are, in fact, the one and only? Information and educational resources are everywhere: inside and outside the Internet, inside and outside major mainstreams, inside and outside publishing houses, and a large number of sources. In addition, we count thousands of formal courses, undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate programmes, and other accredited, official ways to acquire competences, achieve objectives and improve the personal background and the options for the future. The key question is how to integrate both, so that the student and the professor work with every single quality resource at hand to reach the same goals, or other complementary goals. Open Educational Resources (including MOOCs, but not only) provide the user (I mean, THE user, from every profile) a never-ending, multi-device, multi-focus, multi-source of knowledge. How can we dare to neglect the right use of this world? How can we dare not to use it, at hand, for so many people in need for Education? And far from that dramatic, obvious question, how can we dare not to make excellent what is already good, to make the best what is already excellent?

This congress, hopefully the first in a series with UNESCO and Universidad Internacional de La Rioja (UNIR) as partners, dives into technology, methodology and policy to make a contribution into the Society. It highlights some challenging approaches along the three main tracks and the invited talks. The final goal stresses the relevance of a required evolution towards a renovated paradigm that takes very much into consideration the current ways of interaction, learning, contribution and sharing that the students, teachers, professors, tutors, administration staff and policy stakeholders deal with, every day, in every classroom, across the World. The whole organization team welcomes you to the proceedings of the congress, as a live proof of the promising integration that we all aspire to.

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