Master degrees of Hellenic Open University achieved the E-xcellence label for Associates in Quality!

Today, the Hellenic Open University has joined the E-xcellence Associates in Quality by the following nine online postgraduate programmes (Master's Degrees):

1. Language Education for Refugees and Migrants
2. Special Education and education of people with speaking and writing difficulties
4. Aging & Chronic Diseases Management
5. Contemporary Journalism Studies
6. Creative Writing
7. Public History
8. Social and Solidarity Economy

By achieving this label Hellenic Open University (HOU) demonstrates that it offers quality controlled e-learning and keeps up to date with the latest developments. Furthermore that it uses the E-xcellence instrument for benchmarked self-assessment on e-learning and takes measures of improvement accordingly.

By becoming an E-xcellence Associate in Quality HOU is now part of a network of universities with opportunities to meet virtually with peers and experts in the field of e-learning. Hellenic Open University will have access to the expertise of other universities and shares their expertise with them in a virtual community.

Achieving the label started by a self-assessment followed by a review of e-learning experts online. The E-xcellence label is valid for three years.

The E-xcellence label is provided by the European Association of Distance Teaching Universities (EADTU).

With E-xcellence, EADTU is leading a European movement of universities that follows new developments and innovations in e-learning. The E-xcellence Associates are focusing on the improvement of four priority elements of progressive higher education: Accessibility, Flexibility, Interactiveness and Personalisation. EADTU has been appointed as ICDE Focal Point on Quality in higher education for Europe and will have a leading and coordinating role for quality in online education in Europe. This is an initiative by ICDE, UNESCO and INQAAHE.

So far more than 50 universities are using the E-xcellence instrument and 20 E-xcellence labels have been awarded to faculties and universities all over Europe. A full overview of activities under the E-xcellence label and the open source tools and manual can be found at http://e-xcellence.label.eadtu.eu/;