

Editorial

From the threshold of 2013, when the ‘educ@tional circle’ took its first timid steps up to today when the colours of the sunset of 2023 give a magical tone, ten whole years have passed. Looking back on this period, one can start from the first sparks of joy in the publication of the first issue, stand on the satisfaction of completing the first volume, or even on the positive feeling of the international perspective that the magazine has acquired since August 2017 when it began to publish articles in foreign languages. However, behind the beautiful colours of the East, or the idyllic sunsets, life lies and also the course over time, the offer, the values and ideals, such as that of open access to knowledge and the provision of quality education. Ideals that have been also strategic goals of the global community since 2015, with the prospect of achieving them by 2030.

Therefore, at the end of this year and as we are in the middle of a journey, behind the idyllic sunset of 2023, we can see and contemplate what preceded it or even plan a future course. In any case, freedom of access to education, the abolition of discrimination based on social, economic and demographic criteria will always inaugurate a new hopeful perspective. In the context of this journey, what we can be proud of for the ‘educ@tional circle’ lies beyond any personal satisfaction and meets the possibility of open and free access to the information provided by this magazine. At the same time, it lies in the opportunity it offers to educators and researchers to publish, after evaluation, the results of their research to a wide research and scientific audience, without any financial constraints.

Counting the texts published throughout this period, one stops at the 542 articles which indeed cover a wide field of interests of both formal and non-formal education and which are available to the public, contributing to the development of the community of open education and promoting the idea of open access in knowledge.

As the new year is coming, our hope for a new day is born. At this time where life begins again, we wish the goods of education to be accessible to all and the sky may never be cloudy again, so that the colours of the East shine in the eyes of the children of the whole world.

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