

A	OER Public Domain, CC0, CC-BY, CC-BY-SA
B	other CC licences that restrict NC or ND
C	other free access (i.e. school broadcast)
D	licence information is missing

OER and other free accessible educational content in Germany

Data collected from 4 central referatories

by WirLernenOnline.de team in October 2023

		Elementary Sector 2.800				School Sector 284.600								Vocational / Adult edu. 24.700								Higher Education Sector 81.100											
		KITA.bayern, WirLernenOnline 2.290				Mundo 401				WirLernenOnline 223.771				Mundo 60.825				WirLernenOnline 16.561				Mundo 8.070				OERSI.org 76.992				WirLernenOnline 4.173			
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Total OER (rounded):		900								54.500				6.400				41.900															

****The table represent so far centrally* collected OER and other free accessible content according to the knowledge of the WLO team as of October 2023.

* This includes the inventory of:

1. KITA.bayern, which started to compile content in the elementary sector. The data was requested from the WirLernenOnline.de referatorium. The content is available via KITA.bayern and WirLernenOnline. Number of active user see WirLernenOnline.

2. WeLearnOnline launched its search engine in April 2020 with more than 30.000 free educational contents to support schools in the Corona pandemic. Today more than 200.000 materials have being collected from all education sectors. AI and other automatic metadata generators and quality checks are being developed. This Project has been founded by the German OER Community (Bündnis Freie Bildung and JOINTLY.info Project) and has been funded by the German government*. The WirLernenOnline.de portal has 600.000 user (The main target group of German teachers at general schools comprises 790,608 teachers) Concepts and technical solution are under free licences.

3. Mundo.schule since autumn 2020 is the showcase of Sodix, a referatory commissioned by the German states.

4. OERSI.org, which indexes OER from the Länder referatoriums in the higher education sector.

These referatories collect largely free accessible content. Just the first column is known as OER.
 - OER includes the following licenses: CC0, CC-BY, CC-BY-SA, PDM
 - other CC includes creative commons licences which restrict non commercial (NC) or non derivatives (ND)
 - other free access includes free accessible content with other licences including copyright, for instance school broadcast
 - missing metadata counts all contents where no licence is tagged. Reusable and editable content is also believed to be included in this set, but the publishers did not clearly indicate this.

Estimated overlapping of 10% between WirLernenOnline and Mundo sources have been eliminated.

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This data do not present the complete sum of all OER in Germany. From our point of view, the 4 projects seem to be the OER development projects of the respective educational sectors with the largest content inventory. They are indexing other units, but have not yet indexed all the content stocks in Germany.

We hope that this first statistic can revitalise the communication in Germany about a common systematic statistical collection. For this purpose, concepts from cooperations around JOINTLY.info and technical preliminary work from WirLernenOnline can be used. Such statistical overviews shall be integrated in central OER Websites like OERinfo and WirLernenOnline or OERSI.



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