The LinkedUp project is an EU FP7 Coordination and Support Action which looks at issues around open data in education, with the aim of pushing forward the exploitation of the vast amounts of public, open data available on the web.

LinkedUp does this by providing a competition and evaluation framework which identifies innovative success stories of robust, Web-scale information management applications.

Consortium and Network
LinkedUp is led by Leibniz University Hannover and consists of six partners in Germany, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and Italy.

A network of twelve associate partners has been set up and the project has a great advisory board that consists of top experts in the fields of Linked Open Data and education.

Project Objectives
There are four main objectives of LinkedUp:

Open Web Data Success Stories
Gathering innovative and robust scenarios of deployed tools integrating and analysing large scale, open Web data in the education sector.

Evaluation Framework for Open Web Data Applications
Providing a complete framework for the evaluation of large-scale open Web data applications.

Technology Transfer in the Education Sector
Demonstrating and promoting the benefit of open Web data technologies in education, and provide a reusable testbed in this domain.

Web Data Curation
Collecting, annotating and profiling of Web Data of educational relevance to enable take-up by third parties.

LinkedUp Project Partners

Target Groups
- Content producers
- Metadata experts
- Technologists and others in academia
- Data management communities (a network of twelve associate partners has been set)
- Publishers
- Students, teachers, institution managers

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The LinkedUp Challenge
Building on a strong alliance of institutions with expertise in areas such as open Web data management, data integration and Web-based education, LinkedUp has devised, organised and is deploying an open challenge in Web-scale data integration. The LinkedUp Challenge is a series of three consecutive application competitions (Veni, Vidi and Vici) looking for interesting and innovative tools and applications that analyse and/or integrate open web data for educational purposes.

Veni Winners
1st place - Polimedia
2nd place - Globe-Town
3rd place - We-Share
People’s Choice - We-Share

Completed Intermediate Outputs
The initial LinkedUp Challenge competition (Veni) ran from May - June 2012 and 22 valid submissions were received from 12 different countries. Entries were judged using the evaluation framework for Web-data driven applications. First, second and third places were awarded at the Open Knowledge conference (OKCon) in Geneva. A prize was also awarded for the People’s choice using open online voting.

A set of quality-assured educational datasets have been collected, mapped and cataloged through the LinkedUp catalog (data.linkededucation.org/linkedup/catalog). Substantial technology transfer of highly innovative Web information management technologies.

Clusters crossing public and private sectors are being coordinated through LinkedUp and a newly established Open Education Working Group (education.okfn.org).

Project outputs have been disseminated at events including the International World Wide Web Conference (WWW13), Brazil and the Learning Analytics & Knowledge Conference (LAK13), Belgium.

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