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0. Executive summary

The project aims at empowering young people (16-25 years old) to deal effectively with situations concerning excessive preoccupation with Internet or screen abuse, equipping them with the skills and the methodological and engineering tools to modify maladaptive computer behaviour for healthy computer use. Internet addictive behaviour (IAB) or screen abuse is defined as a behavioural pattern characterized by loss of control over Internet use, which potentially leads to isolation and neglect of social, academic, occupational and recreational activities, and personal health.

In order to achieve its goal in SCREEN MODE will create a personal eLearning environment integrating easily use tools (i.e. an Internet Addiction or Problematic Internet Use Genie) that will offer personalized Internet withdrawal or screen reduction plans for each specific user. These plans will be based on personalized user models populated with demographics/situational (i.e. age, educational level, occupation, locality, etc.) and behavioural data (i.e. current Internet or screen use and other coexisting factors responsible for triggering binge behaviour over Internet).

0.1 Introduction

In this deliverable we define, based on the user models and the informal classification of young individuals identified under O1-A1 and the personalised withdrawal plans elaborated under O1-A3 the main functionalities of the Genie. These specifications will be used by CIVIC for the development of the online tool that will make the profiling of the users, will provide them with reporting for their current state and based on this reporting will recommend them a number of personalised withdrawal/moderation plans including separate actions to improve their current problematic use of Internet.

The Genie at a later stage of the project will be integrated with the learningenvironment (O2-A2) where the users will be able to follow and implement the recommended actions, receive personalised messages according to their engagement with certain online applications, participate in discussions using a blog to be created for helping them to reflect on their problematic behaviour over Internet, their progress, etc., and/or receiving personalised news/messages (based on their engagement with certain online applications) maintained by the project consortium. When the full environment will be functional the young individuals and trainers will also be able to get statistics for their progress and also get informed about the profiles of all users that have been registered and used the online tools.



0.3 General overview of the Genie facilities & components

- **Registration:** We will need to have some short of user registration and login/logout facility for the Genie tool.
 - 1. Set of fields that we need to hold for each registered user, such as:
 - 1. email
 - 2. username
 - 3. password
 - 4. age
 - 5. allow each user to process their submission
 - 2. Identify the different type of users that will be able to log into the tool:
 - 1. young adult (genie user)
 - 2. underage (genie user)
 - 3. genie maintainer (maintains/modifies the questionnaire reviews the submissions),
 - 4. administrators (full backend access).
 - 3. Open registration for all users but there will be an account verification step (i.e. genie maintainers will review all registration requests and decline spammers).

User Dashboard

Assuming the user logs in the genie application, we will need to display some short of personalized information:

- 1. Button for completing a new genie form.
- 2. Review previous submissions and scores but only one will be allowed to be editable.
- 3. Edit personal information.
- **Genie components:** The genie tool will be composed of the following elements:
 - **1. Drupal 8:** the core of the Genie tool will provide all the login/logout functionality, content editing, blogging and form implementation.
 - **2. Profiling:** This is composed of four submodules/forms that collect information for each user:
 - 1. Sociodemographic data
 - 2. Time spent on online activities
 - 3. Negative urges for online activities
 - 4. Behaviours and feeling experienced due to internet excessive use



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- **3. Sectional Score Calculation:** After completing each of the profiling forms (2, 3, 4) a step of score calculation based on user responses follows.
- **4. Sectional Visual Reporting:** After completing each of profiling forms (2, 3, 4) the calculated scores are displayed to the user using some graph representation:
 - Graph of responses in time spent on online activities form
 - Graph of responses in negative urges for online activities form
 - Graph of responses in behaviours and feelings experienced due to internet excessive use form
- 5. User classification based on combination of sectional scoring:
 - a. Combination of profiling scoring information (2, 4): Frequent and excessive users engaged with online activities with a higher and lower potential for addicted behaviours who are identified with at least one of negative consequence in their academic/work and family context, as well as to their personal and social life due to Internet overuse (i.e. loss of control, sacrificing other activities, neglect of daily obligations & of sport or recreational activities, persistence Internet use despite the loss of an important friendship or relationship, impairment or distress [i.e. worried, nervous, panicky, tense), keyed up or anxious, bored, fatigued, low in energy, hard to get motivated]).
 - b. Combination of profiling scoring (2, 4): Occasional users engaged with online activities with a higher potential for addicted behaviours who are identified with at least one of negative consequence in their academic/work and family context, as well as to their personal and social life due to Internet overuse (i.e. loss of control, sacrificing other activities, neglect of daily obligations & of sport or recreational activities, persistence Internet use despite the loss of an important friendship or relationship, impairment or distress [i.e. worried, nervous, panicky, tense), keyed up or anxious, bored, fatigued, low in energy, hard to get motivated].
 - c. Combination of profiling scoring (2, 3, 4): Both of the aboved mentioned users who are identified that they experience at least one of negative coexisting factors responsible for triggering binge behaviour over Internet.
- **6. Withdrawal strategies/plans:** Based on the combination of the subsection will suggest some actions for the user to optimize his score in the tool. There will be two withdrawal/moderation strategies:
 - Time management, and



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- Coping with negative urges
- **7. Evaluation:** There should be user's performance after the implementation of each withdrawal/moderation plan.



1 Section A - Profiling information

1.1 Sociodemographic data

Age:

- a. 16-18
- b. 19-21
- c. 22-15

Occupational status:

- a. Student at school/university
- b. Employee
- c. Unemployed

Country of residence:

- a. UK
- b. Cyprus
- c. Greece
- d. Poland
- e. Romania
- f. Other: Please specify:

Questions 1 and 2 won't be used for reporting. No trigger for reporting. This info should be taken into consideration when we provide statistics for the users' progress and participation in the suggested actions. Information about country will be used either for specific actions that will provide info for "help centers" and "ask for help" to recommend national – based information for users from each one of the project countries.



2 Section B - Time spent on specific online activities

2.1 Questions for profiling information

- 1. How much time on average do you regularly spend per day on social media pages for non-academic or non job-related purposes?
- a. 0 hours
- b. 0.5 2 hours
- c. 2,5 -5 hours
- d. more than 5 hours
- 2. How much time on average do you regularly spend per day on chatting (including instant messaging (i.e. Whatsapp) for non-academic or non job-related purposes?
- a. 0 hours
- b. 0.5 2 hours
- c. 2,5 -5 hours
- d. more than 5 hours
- 3. How much time on average do you regularly spend per day on online gaming?
- a. 0 hours
- b. 0.5 2 hours
- c. 2,5 -5 hours
- d. more than 5 hours
- 4. How much time on average do you regularly spend per day on online gambling?
- a. 0 hours
- b. 0.5 2 hours
- c. 2,5 -5 hours
- d. more than 5 hours
- 5. How much time on average do you regularly spend per day on online shopping for non-academic or non job-related purposes?
- a. 0 hours
- b. 0,5 2 hours
- c. 2,5 -5 hours
- d. more than 5 hours



- 6. How much time on average do you regularly spend per day on online pornography?
- a. 0 hours
- b. 0.5 2 hours
- c. 2,5 -5 hours
- d. more than 5 hours
- 7. How much time on average do you regularly spend per day on accessing online general information and news (including sports and politics) & administration (e.g., banking, paying bills, booking, travel) for non-academic or non job-related purposes?
- a. 0 hours
- b. 0.5 2 hours
- c. 2,5 -5 hours
- d. more than 5 hours
- 8. How much time on average do you regularly spend per day on emailing for non-academic or non job-related purposes?
- a. 0 hours
- b. 0.5 2 hours
- c. 2,5 -5 hours
- d. more than 5 hours
- 9. How much time on average do you regularly spend per day on online video watching or video streaming for non-academic or non job-related purposes?
- a. 0 hours
- b. 0.5 2 hours
- c. 2,5 -5 hours
- d. more than 5 hours
- 10. How much time on average do you regularly spend per day on listening to online music for non-academic or non job-related purposes?
- a. 0 hours
- b. 0,5 2 hours
- c. 2,5 -5 hours
- d. more than 5 hours
- 11. How much time on average do you regularly spend per day on online dating activities?
- a. 0 hours
- b. 0.5 2 hours
- c. 2,5 -5 hours
- d. more than 5 hours



- 12. Please specify which of your devices you use more frequently when you are engaged with online activities.
- a. desktop or laptop
- b. smartphone or tablet
- c. both

Questions from 1-11 will be used to identify for each user if the time that they spend on specific online activities may or may not entail a risk for problematic Internet Use: entailment of risk or non-risk for problematic use will be a trigger for recommended or optional consultation of the 1st category of actions under "Time management" action plan/strategy.

Question 12 will be used to identify which device(s) are used more frequently by the user when they are online. No trigger for reporting. This info should be taken into consideration when we suggest relevant actions for the category "Time Management". Actions will address users depending on the answers a, b c.

2.2 Visualisation of questions

The questions could be visualized as shown in the image: The question is presented in bold and the answers in a continuum where the user is able to move the cursor over each one of the answer possibilities.





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2.3 Calculation of the score

The calculation of the score for assessing risk for problematic online use and no risk for problematic online use will be made as follows:

1.User models

- 1. Non-user (answer a--> value 0),
- 2. Occasional user (answer b --> point 1 for each answer),
- 3. Frequent user answer c --> points 2 for each answer) and
- 4. Excessive user (answer d--> points 3 for each answer)

2. Type of activities

- Higher- risk applications for problematic/excessive use are those set by the questions 1-6:
 (Q1. Social media, Q2. Chatting (including instant messaging), Q3. Online gaming, Q4. Online gambling, 5. Online shopping, 6. Online pornography)
- Lower- risk applications for problematic/excessive use are those set by questions 7-11.
 (Q7: Accessing general information, news & administration), Q8. Emailing, Q9. Video streaming, Q10. Listening to online music, Q11. Online dating)

User	Score in points for Section B	
category		
1	0 in all questions from 1-11	
1	0 in all questions from 1-11	
1	0 in all questions from 1-11	
	For questions 1-6	
2.1.	1-2 in question b	
2.1.	1-2 in question b	
2.1.	1-2 in question b	
2.1.	1-2 in question b	
2.2.	3-6 in question b	
2.2.	3-6 in question b	
2.2.	3-6 in question b	
2.2.	3-6 in question b	
2.3	2-4 in question c	
2.3	2-4 in question c	



in question c
in question c
2 in question c
2 in question c
2 in question c
2 in question c
in question d
8 in question d
8 in question d
8 in question d
8 in question d
questions 7-11
in question b
0 in question c
5 in question d
5 in question d
5 in question d



2.4. Sectional visual reporting

A general visualisation will be provided for the entire set of questions (1-11): e.g. a circle (Online use of specific activities) whose circumference is divided into two pieces:

- O Higher risk applications: (Q1= social media, Q2 =chatting, Q3=online gaming, Q4=online gambling, Q5=online shopping, Q6 =online pornography) and
- Lower risk Applications: (Q7= Accessing general information or administration, Q8 = emailing,
 Q9=listening to online music, Q10=video streaming, Q11=online dating).

Short texts will be provided for each of the two categories of applications (Higher risk applications and Lower risk Applications). These will be in the form of pop-up explanation or in other format.

Higher risk applications:

Online gaming

For a minority of gamers, online gaming worlds may become a substitute for the lack of offline social contexts and may draw them to gaming. Research suggests that specific types of online games have a relatively high addictive potential for some players. For instance, it has been noted that Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Games can become addictive to a minority of gamers as they require significant investments in terms of time and energy, and offer players the possibility to escape their offline problems. Twenty years of research on technology use-related problems have indicated that technology overuse may result in problems that are traditionally associated with substance-related addictions, including addiction symptoms, such as salience, mood modification, withdrawal, tolerance, conflict, and relapse.

Online gambling

Research suggests a combination of individual, situational, and structural characteristics determines whether and to what extent individuals engage in online gambling. There are more problematic gamblers on the Internet than there are in land-based venues, and this may be due to the structural characteristics of the Internet, namely its availability, ease of access, anonymity and convenience, making online gambling an attractive activity, which in some instances can lead to the engagement in addictive behaviours.

Online social networking



There is a growing scientific evidence base to suggest excessive SNS use may lead to symptoms traditionally associated with substance-related addictions. These symptoms have been described as salience, mood modification, tolerance, withdrawal, relapse, and conflict with regards to behavioural addictions, and have been validated in scientific studies. For a small minority of individuals, their use of social networking sites may become the single most important activity that they engage in, leading to a preoccupation with SNS use (salience). The activities on these sites are then being used in order to induce mood alterations, pleasurable feelings or a numbing effect (mood modification). Increased amounts of time and energy are required to be put into engaging with SNS activities in order to achieve the same feelings and state of mind that occurred in the initial phases of usage (tolerance). When SNS use is discontinued, addicted individuals will experience negative psychological and sometimes physiological symptoms (withdrawal), often leading to a reinstatement of the problematic behaviour (relapse). Problems arise as a consequence of the engagement in the problematic behaviour, leading to intrapsychic (conflicts within the individual often including a subjective loss of control) and interpersonal conflicts (i.e., problems with the immediate social environment including relationship problems and work and/or education being compromised).

Online shopping

Students shop online because of convenience, price, and larger selection of products, customer service, anonymity and pleasure. Anonymity and pleasure have strong correlations with compulsive buying, indicating that the absence of social interaction and the possibility to buy unobserved may facilitate compulsive shopping behaviours online. Online procrastination may potentially lead to shopping excess. Individuals may devote large amounts of time to researching the best deal, which will reward them with a pleasurable experience that is just one click away.

Online pornography

The advent of the Internet has added another medium which people can use to engage in sexual behaviours. This ranges from the passive consumption of online pornography to the interactive exchange of sexual content in cybersex chat rooms. Access, affordability, and anonymity are factors that make the Internet a convenient tool to acquire, develop and maintain online sexuality. For some, sexual behaviours online are used as a complement to their offline sexuality, whereas for others, they serve as a substitute, which for some can result in the development of compulsive and addictive behaviours.

Lower-risk applications:



Fmails

Emails are being used increasingly in the educational and professional contexts. There is little research out there currently suggesting that individuals may become addicted to using their emails. However, reports suggest that excessive email checking both on desktop computers and hand-held devices such as smartphones may result in the engagement in compulsive behaviours.

Video streaming and listening to music

Video streaming sites such as Netflix and music streaming sites including Spotify have become increasingly popular in recent years. There are case study reports suggesting a number of individuals spend increasing amounts of time binge-watching their favourite series, with some suggesting this may be compulsive. However, to date, there is no empirical research showing that video streaming and listening to music online may result in the development of addictive behaviours.

Information search and administration

Currently, there is no scientific research available suggesting information search and online administration may result in the development of addictive behaviours, making this low-risk activities.

Online dating

In recent years, online dating has become a convenient tool to find romantic partners online. Usage statistics are growing worldwide, with the industry booming. Although individuals tend to spend increasing amounts of time on online dating sites, including match.com and Tinder, there is no research evidence to date that would suggest online dating may become addictive.

Higher - risk applications and Lower- risk applications are then divided into slices/pieces inside the circle each one representing one of the activities 1-6 and 7-11 respectively (i.e. writing either the whole word or representing the activity by a symbol/icon).

Depending on the answers of each individual, for each activity the **following colors** and **the respective explanations will be provided (as done in excel charts)** will appear in each slice/piece:



User	Score in points for	Colour	Explanation	
category	Section B			
1	0 in all questions from 1-11		Non-activity user	
		For questions 1-6		
2.1.	1-2 in question b		Occasional engagement with up to 2 higher-risk activities.	
2.2.	3-6 in question b		Occasional engagement with 3 and more higher-risk activities.	
2.3	2-4 in question c		Frequent engagement with up to 2 higher-risk activities.	
2.4.	6-12 in question c		Frequent engagement with 3 and more higher-risk activities.	
2.5.	3-6 in question d	Blinking	Excessive engagement with up to 2 higher-risk activities.	
2.6.	9-18 in question d	Blinking	Excessive engagement with 3 and more higher-risk activities.	
		For questions 7-11		
3.1	1-2 in question b		Occasional engagement with up to 2 lower-risk activities.	
3.2	3-5 in question b		Occasional engagement with 3 or more lower-risk activities	
3.3	2-10 in question c	Light pink	Frequent engagement with one or more lower-risk activities.	
3.5	3-15 in question d	Light red	Excessive engagement with one or more lower-risk activities.	



3. Section C: Negative urges for online use

3.1 Questions for profiling information

13. How often do you experience anxiety before you are engaged with online activities?	0. Never	1. Sometimes	2. Almost always
14. How often do you experience aggression before you are engaged with online activities?			
15. How often do you experience boredom before you are engaged with online activities?			
16. How often do you experience stress before you are engaged with online activities?			
17. How often do you experience lack of confidence before you are engaged with online activities?			
18. How often do you experience sadness before you are engaged with online activities?			
19. How often do you experience loneliness before you are engaged with online activities?			

3.2 Visualisation of questions

The questions could be visualized as shown in the image: The question is presented in bold and the answers in a continuum where the user is able to move the cursor over each one of the answer possibilities.





3.3 Calculation of the score

Never gets a 0 point.

Sometimes gets 1 point.

Almost always gets 2 points.

3.4 Sectional visual reporting

For the visualisation of the negative feelings experienced by the user before being engaged with the Internet could be used either representative emoticons or icons for each feeling (anxiety, aggression, boredom, stress, lack of confidence, sadness, loneliness):

- For 0 Never No emoticon or an emoticon representing the opposite positive) feeling, e.g. for anxiety → calm, for loneliness → an outgoing face/icon, etc.
- o For 1 Sometimes A blurred emoticon or a smaller one for each feeling
- For 2 Almost always The emoticon is stressed or is presented bigger for each feeling

When a user gets the following score, the respective description is provided as indicated in the table:

Score in Section C	Description	
0 in Never	No negative urges for using the	
	Internet.	
1-2 in Sometimes	Occasionally, you are experiencing	
	some negative urges for online use.	
3-7 in Sometimes	Occasionally, you are experiencing	
	a lot of negative urges for online	
	use.	
2-14 in Almost always	You are experiencing a substantial	
	level of negative urges.	



4 Section D - Behaviours and feelings due to Internet use

4.1 Questions for profiling information

	0.Never	1.Sometimes	2. Almost always
20. Have you had any serious conflict with your partner, friends, family because of your Internet use?			
21. Do you neglect your daily obligations (work, school, or family life) because you prefer to go on the Internet?			
22. Do you prefer to go on the Internet instead participating in sport o recreational activities?			
23. Do you continue to use the Internet despite serious performance problems experienced at school or at work as a result of spending too much time on Internet?			
24. Do you feel worried, nervous, panicky, tense, keyed up or anxious when you cannot use the Internet?			
25. Do you feel bored, fatigued, low in energy, hard to get motivated, or lie down a lot when you cannot use the Internet?			

4.2Visualisation of questions

The questions could be visualized as shown in the image: The question is presented in bold and the answers in a continuum where the user is able to move the cursor over each one of the answer possibilities.





4.3 Calculation of the score

- Never gets a 0 point.
- Sometimes gets 1 point.
- Almost always gets 2 points.

4.4 Sectional visual reporting

For the visualisation of the symptoms/behaviours experienced by the user due to Internet use, representative images could be used. Each image will be explained using the following phrases: (20. Serious conflict, 21. Neglect of daily obligations, 22. Lack of exercise and recreation, 23. Persistence in using the Internet, 24. Emotional difficulties, 25. Physical problems).

- For 0. **Never** An image representing an opposite condition
- o For 1 Sometimes A faint image or smaller for each symptom
- For 2 Almost always An image which is stressed or presented bigger for each symptom

A short reporting can be provided according to the score of the user based on the following:

Score in Section D	Explanation
0 in Never	You are not experiencing any
	problems due to Internet use
1-2 in Sometimes	Occasionally, you are experiencing



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	some minor problems due to Internet use.
3-6 in Sometimes	Occasionally, you are experiencing
	a few problems due to Internet
	use.
2-12 in Almost always	You are experiencing a substantial
	level of problems due to Internet
	use.



5 Reporting based on the sectional scoring and Action Plans

Following the user's sectional reporting and the triggering (to follow obligatorily or optionally) or notriggering of Action plans as depicted in the Table 1 and Table 2 in <u>5.1 Actions</u> plans the following types of reporting will be provided to the user:

Based on your scoring in all sections you	This statement is based on the Table1 Table 1:
are a Non-Problem user and there are	Triggers for the Action Plan "Time management",
no recommended actions for you.	Column D with the description Non-trigger and
	Table 2: Triggers for the Action Plan " Copying with
	negative urges for online use for online Use",
	Column D with the description Non-trigger below
	that depict for which users in combined sections
	their score can be used as a non-trigger to follow an
	Action Plan.
Based on your scoring in the sections B	This statement is based on the Table 1: Triggers for
& D you are recommended to follow	the Action Plan "Time management", Column D
obligatorily follow the Action Plan "Time	with the description Obligatory
management" which will help you	
through certain actions to moderate the	
time you spend online adopting more	
real life activities instead of online use. A	
successful outcome of these actions will	
be to reduce your time online and	
eliminate some negative feelings and	
behaviours you experience due to the	
Internet use.	
Based on your scoring sections B & D	This statement is based on the Table 1: Triggers for
you are not a High-risk user and you are	the Action Plan "Time management", Column D
suggested to optionally follow the Action	with the description Optional
Plan "Time management". Certain	
actions under this Action plan will help	
you moderate the time you spend online	
and to adopt more real life activities	
instead of online use.	This statement is board on the Table 4. This statement is
Based on your scoring in the sections B,	This statement is based on the Table 1: Triggers for
C & D you are recommended to follow	the Action Plan " Copying with negative urges for
obligatorily the suggested Action plan "	online use", Column D with the description
Copying with negative urges for online	Obligatory



use" which will help you through certain actions customised to your needs to develop your coping mechanisms and eliminate your negative feelings that may induce frequent or excessive use of the Internet. Apart from a better and healthier life, a successful outcome of these actions will be to reduce your time online and adopt more productive activities in your real life. This statement is based on the Table 1: Triggers for Based on your scoring in the sections B, the Action Plan "Copying with negative urges for C & D you are not a High-risk user and online use", Column D with the description you are suggested to optionally follow the Action Plan "Copying with negative **Optional** urges for online use. Certain actions customised to your needs may help you to develop your coping mechanisms and eliminate your negative feelings that may induce occasional engagement with Internet.



5.1 Actions plans

There are two action plans: Time management and Copying with negative urges for online use

• "Time management": is suggested for users based on combination of the indicated scores got in questions under Section B and under Section D. No trigger and trigger (to follow optionally or obligatory) the Action plan is depicted in the table below.

Table 1: Triggers for the Action Plan "Time management"

User category	Score in points for Section B	Score in points for Section D	Trigger for the Action plan "Time management"
1	0 in all questions from 1-11	0 in Never for all 6 six questions	Non-trigger
1	0 in all questions from 1-11	1-6 in Sometimes	Non-trigger
1	0 in all questions from 1-11	1-6 in Almost always	Non-trigger
	For questions 1-6		
2.1.	1-2 in question b	0 in Never	Optional
2.1.	1-2 in question b	1-2 in Sometimes	Obligatory
2.1.	1-2 in question b	3-6 in Sometimes	Obligatory
2.1.	1-2 in question b	1-6 in Almost always	Obligatory
2.2.	3-6 in question b	0 in Never	Obligatory
2.2.	3-6 in question b	1-2 in Sometimes	Obligatory
2.2.	3-6 in question b	3-6 in Sometimes	Obligatory
2.2.	3-6 in question b	1-6 in Almost always	Obligatory
2.3	2-4 in question c	0 in Never	Obligatory
2.3	2-4 in question c	1-2 in Sometimes	Obligatory
2.3	2-4 in question c	3-6 in Sometimes	Obligatory
2.3	2-4 in question c	1-6 in Almost always	Obligatory
2.4.	6-12 in question c	0 in Never	Obligatory
2.4.	6-12 in question c	1-2 in Sometimes	Obligatory
2.4	6-12 in question c	3-6 in Sometimes	Obligatory
2.4	6-12 in question c	1-6 in Almost always	Obligatory
2.5.	3-6 in question d	0 in Never	Obligatory
2.5.	3-6 in question d	1-2 in Sometimes	Obligatory



2.5.	3-6 in question d	3-6 in Sometimes	Obligatory
2.5.	3-6 in question d	1-6 in Almost always	Obligatory
2.6.	9-18 in question d	0 in Never	Obligatory
2.6.	9-18 in question d	1-2 in Sometimes	Obligatory
2.6.	9-18 in question d	3-6 in Sometimes	Obligatory
2.6.	9-18 in question d	1-6 in Almost always	Obligatory
	For questions 7-11		
3.1	1-2 in question b	0 in Never	Optional
3.1	1-2 in question b	1-2 in Sometimes	Optional
3.1	1-2 in question b	3-6 in Sometimes	Obligatory
3.1	1-2 in question b	1-6 in Almost always	Obligatory
3.2	3-5 in question b	0 in Never	Optional
3.2	3-5 in question b	1-2 in Sometimes	Obligatory
3.2	3-5 in question b	3-6 in Sometimes	Obligatory
3.2	3-5 in question b	1-6 in Almost always	Obligatory
3.3	2-10 in question c	0 in Never	Obligatory
3.3	2-10 in question c	1-2 in Sometimes	Obligatory
3.3	2-10 in question c	3-6 in Sometimes	Obligatory
3.3	2-10 in question c	1-6 in Almost always	Obligatory
3.4	3-15 in question d	0 in Never	Obligatory
3.4	3-15 in question d	1-2 in Sometimes	Obligatory
3.4	3-15 in question d	3-6 in Sometimes	Obligatory
3.4	3-15 in question d	1-6 in Almost always	Obligatory

• "Coping with negative urges for online use": it is suggested for users based on combination of the indicated scores got in questions under Section B, C & D. No trigger and trigger (to follow optionally or obligatory) the Action plan is depicted in the table below.

Table 2: Triggers for the Action Plan "Coping with negative urges for online use"

User category	Score in points for Section C	Score in points for Section D	Trigger for Action plan "Copying with negative urges for online use"
1	0 in Never	0 in Never for all 6 six questions	Non-trigger
1	1-2 in Sometimes	1-6 in Sometimes	Non-trigger



1	3-7 in Sometimes 1-6 in Almost		Non-trigger
	always		
1	2-14 in Almost always		Non-trigger
2.1.	0 in Never	0 in Never	Non-trigger
2.1.	1-2 in Sometimes	0 in Never	Optional
2.1.	1-2 in Sometimes	1-2 in Sometimes	Optional
2.1.	3-7 in Sometimes	3-6 in Sometimes	Obligatory
2.1.	2-14 in Almost always	1-6 in Almost always	Obligatory
2.2-2.6	0 in Never	0 in Never	Non-trigger
2.2-2.6	1-2 in Sometimes	0 in Never	Optional
2.2-2.6	1-2 in Sometimes	1-2 in Sometimes	Obligatory
2.2-2.6	3-7 in Sometimes	3-6 in Sometimes	Obligatory
2.2 -2.6	2-14 in Almost always	1-6 in Almost always	Obligatory
3.1	0 in Never	0 in Never	Non-trigger
3.1	1-2 in Sometimes	0 in Never	Optional
3.1	1-2 in Sometimes	1-2 in Sometimes	Optional
3.1	3-7 in Sometimes	3-6 in Sometimes	Obligatory
3.1	2-14 in Almost always	1-6 in Almost always	Obligatory
3.2	0 in Never	0 in Never	Non-trigger
3.2	1-2 in Sometimes	0 in Never	Optional
3.2	1-2 in Sometimes	1-2 in Sometimes	Optional
3.2	3-7 in Sometimes	3-6 in Sometimes	Obligatory
3.2	2-14 in Almost always	1-6 in Almost always	Obligatory
3.3	0 in never	0 in Never	Non-trigger
3.3	1-2 in Sometimes	1-2 in Sometimes	Obligatory
3.3	3-7 in Sometimes	3-6 in Sometimes	Obligatory
3.3	2-14 in Almost always	1-6 in Almost always	Obligatory
3.4	0 in never	0 in Never	Non-trigger
3.4	1-2 in Sometimes	1-2 in Sometimes	Optional
3.4	3-7 in Sometimes	3-6 in Sometimes	Obligatory
3.4	2-14 in Almost always	1-6 in Almost always	Obligatory



6 Action plans and actions' prioritization suggested by the Genie

With regards to **the strategy suggested (either optionally or obligatorily)** for each user <u>priority gets</u> the Action plan "Time management" over the Action Plan "Coping with negative urges for online use". Inside each one of the 2 Action plans priority get the following general Groups/topics of Actions:

6.1 Time management prioritization

First - "Recognise the Internet usage routines and set moderation goals"

Second - "Use external constraints to regulate online use"

Third - "Adopt alternative offline activities instead of online use"

Each of the above mentioned subgroup of actions will include separate simple actions that will_target users based on specific characteristics.

Under each sub-group actions are presented with the priority order as described in the table below:

The Action title will be taken from the column "Action Title".



Sub-group	Action Title	File Name	Priority Order of presenting actions to the user	Other restrictions for target groups
Recognise your Internet use and set moderation goals	Track your actual time on Internet (for desktop and/or laptop users) Track your actual time on Internet (for smartphone and/or tablet users)	TM-RIU_Track your actual time on Internet (desktop or laptop) TM-RIU-Track your actual time on Internet (smartphone or tablet)	 1 (for desktop and laptop users-Question 12 – answer a) 1 (for users that use both desktop and smartphone Question 12 – answer c) 1 (for smartphone or tablet users only-Question 12 – answer b) 2 (for users that use both desktop and smartphone - Question 12 – answer c) 	
	Set up your personal goal on how much you would like to reduce the time spent online	TM-RIU-Set up your personal goal	 2 (if the user is either a desktop or a smartphone user- Question 12 – answer a or b) 	



		3 (if the user is both a desktop and a smartphone user-Question 12 – answer c)
Take short breaks away from the screen	TM-RIU-Take short breaks away from the screen	 3 (if the user is either a desktop or a smartphone user - Question 12 – answer a or b) 4 (if the user is both a desktop and a smartphone user - Question 12 – answer c)
Play the "phone stack" game when meeting with others	TM-RIU-Play the "phone stack" game	 4 (if the user is only a smartphone user Question 12 – answer b) 5 (if the user is both a desktop and a smartphone user Question 12 – answer c)
Use software to ban	TM-UEC-Use software	1 (for desktop and
sites or applications that you frequently	to ban sites or applications_desktop	laptop users- Question 12 – answer
inat you nequently	applications_acontop	Question 12 diswei



Use external constraints to regulate online use	Limit your time online or ban applications and websites (for smartphone and	TM-UEC-Limit your time online_smartphone	 a) 1 (for users that use both desktop and smartphone - Question 12 – answer c) 1 (for smartphone or tablet users only-Question 12 – answer b) 2 (for users that use
	tablet users)		both desktop and smartphone - Question 12 – answer c)
	Use software to help you stay focused	TM-UEC-Use software to help you stay focused	 2 (for desktop and laptop users-Question 12 – answer a) 3 (for users that use both desktop and smartphone - Question 12 – answer c)
	Turn off push notifications so that they don't disturb	TM-UEC-Turn off push notifications so that they don't disturb you	2 (for smartphone or tablet users only
	they don't disturb	they don't disturb you	Question 12 – answer



	you Delete doorways to	TM-UEC-Delete	 b) 4 (for users that use both desktop and smartphone - Question 12 – answer c) 3 (for desktop and
	online use (for desktop or laptop users)	doorways to online use_desktop	laptop users - Question 12 – answer a) • 5 (for users that use both desktop and smartphone- Question 12 – answer c)
f s	Delete apps most frequently used (for smartphones or tablet users)	TM-UEC-Delete apps most frequently used_smartphone	 3 (for smartphone users - Question 12 – answer b) 6 (for users that use both desktop and smartphone - Question 12 – answer c)
f	Remove/Unsubscribe from social media accounts most frequently used	TM-UEC- Remove/Unsubscribe from social media accounts	 4 (for smartphone users - Question 12 – answer b) For users answered c or d in Question 1 - Section2 4 (for desktop users -



			Question 12 – answer a) • 7 (for users that use both desktop and smartphone - Question 12 – answer c)
	Give someone else control of your money (bank account or credit card)	TM-UEC-Give someone else control of your money	 5 (for smartphone users- Question 12 – answer b) 5 (for desktop users- Question 12 – answer a) 8 (for users that use both desktop and smartphone- Question 12 – answer c)
Adopt alternative online activities	Force yourself to spend equal screen time with active time	TM-AOA-Force yourself to spend equal screen time with active time	 1 (for desktop users) 1 (for smartphone users) 1 (for both smartphone users and smartphone users)



Take a technology break and schedule an alternative activity	TM-AOA-Take a technology break and schedule an alternative activity	 2 (for desktop users) 2 (for smartphone users) 2 (for both smartphone users and smartphone users)
Practice a forgotten or a new skill	TM-AOA-Practice a forgotten or a new skill	 3 (for desktop users) 3 (for smartphone users) 3 (for both smartphone users and smartphone users)
Plan a get-together on a standard day of the week	TM-AOA-Plan a get- together on a standard day of the week	 4 (for desktop users) 4 (for smartphone users) 4 (for both smartphone users and smartphone users)



6.2 Coping with negative urges prioritization

Prioritization of the subgroups of actions:

- 1. Subgroup of actions "Cope with boredom"
- 2. Subgroup of actions "Cope with anxiety and stress"
- 3. Subgroup of actions "Cope with loneliness":
- 4. Subgroup of actions "Cope with sadness":
- 5. Subgroup of actions "Build self-confidence":
- 6. Subgroup of actions "Cope with aggression":

Each of the above mentioned subgroup of actions will include separate simple actions that will_target users based on specific characteristics, drawn by their answers on the Section 2 as shown in the table.

Under each sub-group actions are presented with the priority order as described in the table:

The Action title will be taken from the column "Action Title".

For each subgroup an introduction will be presented before presenting each separate action. The file name of the introduction is provided in the table column "Introduction file name".



Sub-group Actions	Action Title	Action File Name	Priority Order of presenting actions to the user	Introduction file name	Target group
				Intro_Cope with	for users who
				boredom	answered b, c, d
	Play games, read	CNU_CWB_Play games,	1		in certain
	books	read books-Action1			questions of
	Practice your	CNU_CWB_ Practice your	2		Section b (1.
	creativity	creativity_Action2			Social media or 2.
	Practice your	CNU_CWB_Practice your	3		Chatting, 3.
Cope with	hobby or learn	hobby or learn something			Online gaming, or
boredom	something new	new_Action3			5. Online
	Invite your	CNU_CWB_ Invite your	4		shopping or 7.
	friends and	friends and family for a			Accessing general
	family for a	dinner_Action4			info or 9. Video
	dinner				streaming or 10.
	Join a youth	CNU_CWB_Join a youth	5		listening to
	organization	organization _Action5			music).
Cope with				Intro_Cope with	for users who
anxiety and				anxiety and stress	answered b, c, d
stress	Identify your	CNU-CAS-Action	1		in questions of
	patterns of	1_Identify your patterns			Section b (1.
	anxiety and	of anxiety and stress			Social media or 2.
	stress				Chatting, 3.
	Identify negative	CNU-CAS-Action	2		Online gaming, or



	thinking and	2_Identify negative			5. Online
	change it into	thinking and change it			shopping, or 7.
	positive	into positive			Accessing general
	Try relaxation	CNU-CAS-Action 3_Try	3		info or 9. Video
	exercises that	relaxation exercises that			streaming or 10.
	reduce anxiety	reduce anxiety			Listening to online
	Try physical	CNU-CAS-Action 4_Try	4		music)
	exercises to	physical exercises to			
	reduce anxiety	reduce anxiety			
	Identify your	CNU-CAS-Action	5		
	dietary patterns	5_Identify your dietary			
	and change food	patterns and change food			
	habits to reduce	habits to reduce anxiety			
	anxiety				
	Talk it out: Share	CNU-CAS-Action 6_Talk it	6		
	your anxiety	out Share your anxiety			
	feelings with	feelings with others			
	others				
				Intro_Cope with loneliness	
	Understanding	CNU-CWL- Understanding	1		for users who
	your feelings and	your feelings and			answered b, c, d
Cope with	thoughts of	thoughts of			in certain
loneliness	loneliness	loneliness_Action1			questions of
	Cut down on	CNU-CWL-Cut down on	2		Section b (1.
	social media use	social media use when			Social media or 2.
	when you are	you are lonely_Action2			Chatting, 3.
	lonely				Online gaming, or



	Comfort yourself being alone Direct compassion and tenderness toward yourself Getting back to real life connections	CNU-CWL-Comfort yourself being alone _Action3 CNU-CWL-Direct compassion and tenderness toward yourself _Action4 CNU-CWL-Getting back to real life connections _Action5	3 4		5. Online shopping, or 6. Online pornography or 7. Accessing general info or 9. Video streaming or 10. Listening to online music or 11. Online dating).
				Intro_Cope with sadness	
	Recognise symptoms of sadness	CNU_CWS_ Recognise symptoms of sadness Action1	1		for users who answered b, c, d in certain
Cope with sadness	Set goals for daily activity and set positive goals for yourself	CNU_CWS_ Set goals for daily activity and set positive goals for yourself Action2	2		questions of Section 2 (1. Social media or 2. Chatting, 3.
	Accept bad experiences as learning opportunities and practice the activities that make you feel better	CNU_CWS_ Accept bad experiences as learning opportunities _Action3	3		Online gaming, or 5. Online shopping, or 6. Online pornography or 7. Accessing general info or 9. Video streaming or 10.



	Make small events into appreciated experiences and practice gratitude Show self- compassion Put care into your health and	CNU_CWS_ Make small events into appreciated experiences _Action4 CNU_CWS_Show self-compassion _Action5 CNU_CWS_Put care into your health and	5		Listening to online music or 11. Online dating)
	appearance and take exercise regularly	appearance _Action6		Intro Build self-	
				confidence	
Build self- confidence	Identify your talents, your weaknesses and your insecurities. Measures to cope with and address your perceived areas of improvement	CNU-BSC-Identify your talents, your weaknesses and your insecurities_Action1	1		for users who answered b, c, d in certain questions of Section 2 (1. Social media and/or 2. Chatting, and/or 3. Online gaming, and/or 4. Online
	Set manageable objectives and	CNU-BSC-Set manageable objectives and learn from	2		gaming and/or 5. Online shopping,



	learn from your mistakes Be comfortable with fear and find ways to feel fearless Accept compliments Avoid perfectionism Make new friends outside the web and discover the fun to be a volunteer Exercise regularly and take care of your	your mistakes_Action2 CNU-BSC-Be comfortable with fear and find ways to feel fearless_Action3 CNU-BSC-Accept compliments_Action4 CNU-BSC-Avoid perfectionism_Action5 CNU-BSC-Make new friends outside the web and discover the fun to be a volunteer_Action6 CNU-BSC-Exercise regularly and take care of your health_Action7	3 4 5 6		and/or 6. Online pornography and/or 7. Accessing general info and/or 9. Video streaming and/or 10. Listening to online music or 11. Online dating).
	take care of your health	your health_Action7			
Cope with				Introduction_Cope with agression	for users who answered b, c, d
aggression	Recognize and avoid triggers of aggression	CNU-CWA-Recognize and avoid triggers of aggression_Action1	1		in certain questions of Section 2 (1.
	Make a plan to cope with	CNU-CWA-Make a plan to cope with	2		Social media and/or 2.



aggression	aggression_Action2		Chatting, and/or
Adopt an	CNU-CWA- Adopt an	3	3. Online gaming,
assertive style	assertive style for		and/or Online
for interaction	interaction_Action3		gambling and/or
Develop	CNU-CWA-Develop	4	5. Online
empathetic	empathetic		shopping, and/or
understanding	understanding_Action4		6. Online
Assume the	CNU-CWA- Assume the	5	pornography
positive	positive intentions of		and/or 7.
intention of	other people_Action5		Accessing general
other people			info and/or 9.
Wait before	CNU-CWA-Wait before	6	Video streaming
react	react_Action6		and/or 10.
Accept reality	CNU-CWA-Accept reality	7	Listening to online
and forgive.	and forgive- Choose		music).
Choose	happiness instead of		
happiness	anger_Action7		
instead of anger			
Practice	Practice exercises helping	8	
exercises helping	you to relax and ask for		
you to relax and	help from		
ask for help from	professionals_Action8		
professionals			



7 Assessment of user's performance

Assessment of user's performance will be carried out in two phases:

7.1 After having implemented the actions under the withdrawal strategy "Time management"

The users are asked to answer the following questions:

- 1. How much did you reduce the time that you spend per day on each of the activities you are engaged with after consultation of the above actions?
 - a. less than half an hour
 - b. more than half an hour
 - c. more than one hour
 - d. more than two hours
 - e. no reduction at all

In order to achieve more personalization on these questions, we need to provide the user with only the activities that was engaged with as extracted from the answers given in the initial questions (as described in Section 2).

- 2. Are you satisfied with the time you are spending online now?
 - a. Yes
 - b. Somehow
 - 3. No

If answer is "YES" in question 2, users will be suggested to skip next strategy "Coping with negative urges if they want and if they are eligiple for this strategy, since the moderation goals were fulfilled, and are asked to reflect:

3. What actions helped you the most to reduce your online time on each of the activities you are engaged with?

[the user will be provided with the list of actions completed to choose]



1	(How:)
2	(How:)
3	(How:)
4	(How:)

If answer is "somehow" in question 2, they will be suggested to try again some actions of "Time management (those that have been chosen as helpful for a little progress based on their answers in the Question 4) and then they can move on to the strategy "Coping with negative urges for online use".

4. What actions helped you to make at least a little progress on each of the activities you are engaged with and what was missing?

[the user will be provided with the list of actions completed to choose]

- 1. ... (What is missing:.....)
- 2. ... (What is missing:.....)
- 3. ... (What is missing:.....)
- 4. ... (What is missing:.....)

If answer is "NO" in question 2, they will be suggested to move on the strategy "Coping with negative urges" and try the suggested actions. Also, they will be asked to reflect on the reasons that did not allow them to reduce their time being online.

5. Please, reflect for yourself on the main reasons that did not allow you to reduce your time of being online on the activities you are engaged with?

[the user will be provided with the list of actions completed to choose]

- 1. ... (Provide short comments about the reasons):.....)
- 2. ... (Provide short comments about the reasons):......)
- 3. ... (Provide short comments about the reasons):.....)
- 4. ... (Provide short comments about the reasons):......)



7.2 After having implemented the actions under the withdrawal strategy "Coping with negative urges for online use"

The users are asked to answer the following questions:

1.	How much did you reduce the time that you spend per day on each of the activities
	you are engaged with after consultation of the above actions?

- a. less than half an hour
- b. more than half an hour
- c. more than one hour
- d. more than two hours
- e. no reduction at all

In order to achieve more personalization on these questions, we need to provide the user with only the actions per sub-group of actions (e.g. Cope with aggression - Action1:, Action 2..... that was engaged with as extracted from the answers given in the initial questions (as described in Section 3).

- 2. Are you satisfied with the time you are spending online now?
 - a. Yes
 - b. Somehow
 - 3. No

If answer is "YES" in question 2, users will be suggested to keep implementing the actions helped them to reduce their online time.

3. What actions helped you the most to reduce your online time on each of the activities you are engaged with?

[the user will be provided with the list of actions completed to choose]

1	(How:
	(How:
3	(How:
	(How:



If answer is "somehow" in question 2, they will be suggested to try again some actions of thiw Strategy (those that have been chosen as helpful for a little progress based on their answers in the Question 4).

Suggestion-statement: "In any case, you may ask help from experts in your country".

4. ... (What is missing:.....)

A list of help centers will be provided based on the info of the country of residence of the user.

4.	What actions helped you to make at least a little progress on each of the activities you	
	are engaged with and what was missing?	
	[the user will be provided with the list of actions completed to choose]	
	1 (What is missing:)	
	2 (What is missing:)	
	3 (What is missing:)	

If answer is "NO" in question 2, they will be asked to reflect on the reasons that did not allow them to reduce their time of being online.

"You may ask help from experts in your country". [A list of help centers will be provided based on the info of the country of residence of the user].

time of I	eflect for yourself on the main reasons that did not allow you to reduce your peing online on the activities you are engaged with? er will be provided with the list of actions that has completed to choose]
2 3	(Provide short comments about the reasons):)



8 Structure of the actions' content

- Abstract
- General description
- Duration
- Links and further reading

The above mentioned sections of each action could be accompanied by an icon indicative of the content presented by each section, e.g. for the duration a timer image.

Note: videos in the links could appear as images the way it is done in Youtube, where the user may click on the video screenshot to run it.

To be completed by the specifications concerning the integration with the learning environment.

9 General statistics about the users and the actions completed, and their final performance

There will a section where users will be kept noted about general statistics concerning indicatively the following:

- How many users (with certain individual characteristics: age, occupational status, country)
 are engaged occasional, frequent or excessive users with specific online activities?
- How many users (with certain individual characteristics: age, occupational status, country)
 have reduced the time being online by a certain amount of time as specified in the
 evaluation questions)
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To be completed by the specifications concerning the integration with the learning environment.



10 Development of a blog where users can communicate, interact and provide comments

To be completed by the specifications concerning the integration with the learning environment.



