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# G.9 ACTIVE LEARNING IN CLASSES. ANALYSIS OF EXPERIENCES ON TECHNOLOGY- ENHANCED FEEDBACK IN SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY CONTEXTS

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The current emergency undoubtedly changed the landscape of education in short and mid-term. During the COVID-19 pandemic remote teaching, i.e. use of technology became an absolute necessity, which, in its turn requires a rapid paradigmatic change in many aspects of the educational experience. While innovative diffusion and adoption usually takes place in a certain logic and is usually gradual, in the current situation we have a diffusion of learning technologies at an unprecedented scale. At the same time, the current situation is an authentic, massive and up-close case study for education and especially for the field of technology-enhanced learning and distance education. While the situation demonstrated the potential of educational technologies, it also revealed the boundaries for transformation and educational innovation in an authentic manner. By innovation we mean a transformative process, that is at the heart of educational innovation. There are several important dimensions to consider: reorganisation and planning (curriculum, resources, tools), innovation (transforming current practices), reflection (collecting the data on the emergency experience to reflect on future).

In this scenario, we can see some threats and opportunities in the current crisis: one of the threats is quality of the actual teaching/learning and assessment processes if not thoroughly and holistically thought through. At the same time, this new reality clearly can open up opportunities for digital and educational transformation, if planned, with a design in mind (on policy or learning level). At the moment, not enough attention has been given to the pedagogical reorganisation processes, pedagogical innovation and digital pedagogy, and the role of learning design. Providing swift and useful feedback to students was a major challenge for teachers long before Covid-19 upended school and university education across the world. But the pivot to online teaching and assessment in recent months has underlined just how difficult this crucial, and also time-consuming, task has become. This reveals that maybe it is time to reexamine the paradigm of teacher-student feedback altogether in these odd times of enforced distance learning. As is well-known, teacher-student interaction and feedback are vital for educational quality, notably to activate prior knowledge (Hattie & Shirley, 2018; Laurillard, 2012), to reduce cognitive overload (Sweller, 1994) and to avoid the risk of misconceptions (Hattie & Yates, 2013), to resolve cognitive conflict and solicit self-regulation processes in generation and revision of conceptual knowledge (Laurillard, 2012). Feedback is

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considered as the "information provided by an agent (e.g., teacher, peer, book, parent, self, experience) regarding aspects of one's performance or understanding" (Hattie & Timperley, 2007, p. 81). Feedback reduces the gap between the current status and the desired result (Hattie & Yates, 2013), receiving feedback helps students develop a greater understanding of lecture materials (Mayer et al., 2009). ICTs were used to integrate different types of feedback. The results show how adoption of ICTs provided opportunities to improve the quality of feedback with positive implications for motivation, regulation and generation of new understanding.

Nowadays, feedback research is highly diverse and digital technologies offer an abundance of new formative assessment systems and feedback procedures. In this panel we would like to discuss the aspects that are relevant for improving feedback on computer-assisted multipletier assessments: feedback content and learners' perception and use of feedback.

In particular, we would like to try to answer to some questions:

- -Is feedback one of the tools that can renew teaching?
- -With which formats and languages can feedback be supported? What experiences are there in this regard?
- -How and to what extent may the use of ICTs support a combined approach to feedback, including regulation, transformation and motivation, with positive implications for students' learning and engagement?

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