





# A QUALITY ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK FOR OERs BASED ON QUALITY SEALS AND THE PHOTODENTRO SEALS REPOSITORY

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Areas of Responsibility

**Digital educational resources** and **e-services**for school education

**Networking services** to all schools, teachers, and students

State programs for teachers training in ICT

Electronic administration of education

A key role in designing, implementing and coordinating large-scale,

Official publisher of all Greek textbooks

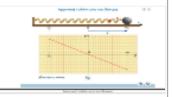
nation-wide projects for ICT in Greek schools.

# QUALITY

What the presentation is all about







Open Educational

Resources



Quality Assurance
Conceptual
Framework
based on
Quality Seals



An integrated web-based platform that supports it

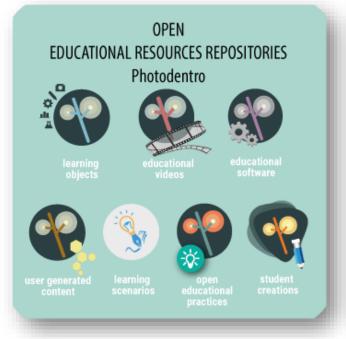


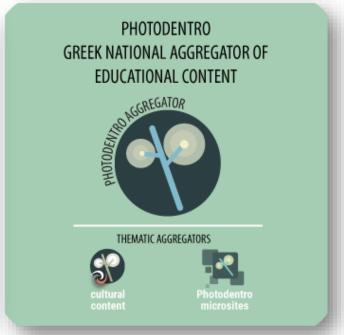


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**The Context** 

Initiated and developed in the context of the Greek nationwide programme "**Digital School**" (2010-2021)





Goal: to support the **Quality Assurance** of Open Educational Resources in the "**Photodentro**" Greek national OER digital repositories and National OER Aggregator



## There is plethora of Open Educational Resources.



**Educators:** How to identify quality educational resources (and for the specific context of use)?



**OER creators:** How to develop quality educational resources? (what process to follow for their design and development? what criteria the final products should meet?)





**Information Technology perspective:** What digital platforms and services should be developed? (for educators to effectively identify quality OERs, and for authorities to define and share QA schemes for OERs and to award quality marks or certifications)



A common online space, where authorities / certifiers can openly share their quality assurance schemes and approaches





# **Research Fields**





Quality evaluation schemes (e.g. LORI)

Quality Metrics for learning resources

QA frameworks and methodologies

Federated quality
evaluation tools
evaluation tossessment and
(e.g. peer-assessment)
social ranking systems)



evaluation of OERs hosted in



*metadata* quality









communicate the evaluation results / certifications of OERs

## **Quality Seals**

Quality stamps, Quality badges, or certificates

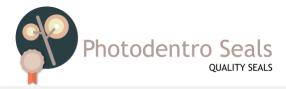
electronic quality seals



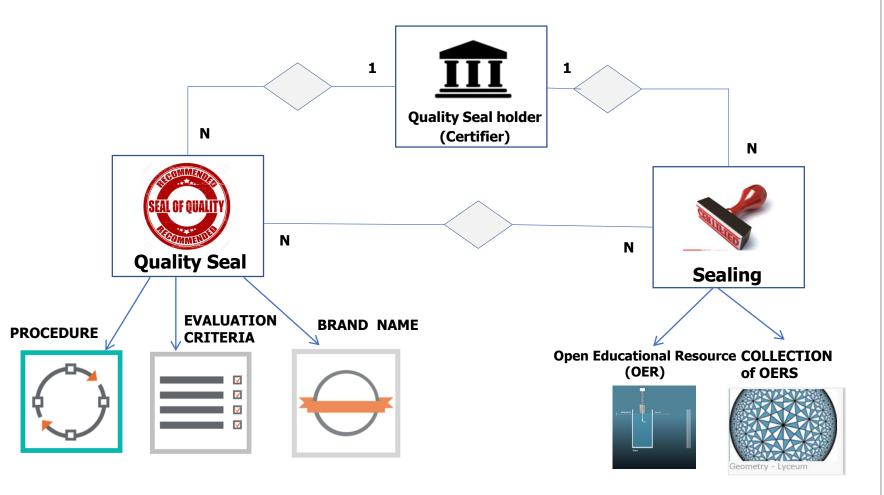




# The Photodentro Quality Seals Conceptual Model



# Main entities and relationships



## Three (3) main entities

## **Quality Seal:**

signifies that an OER has successfully "passed" a quality assurance process.

## **Quality Seal holder (Certifier):**

a legal entity (e.g. a certification authority, organization, or company), or a consortium of entities (e.g. a project) who defines, "owns", and awards quality seals.

## **Sealing (or stamping):**

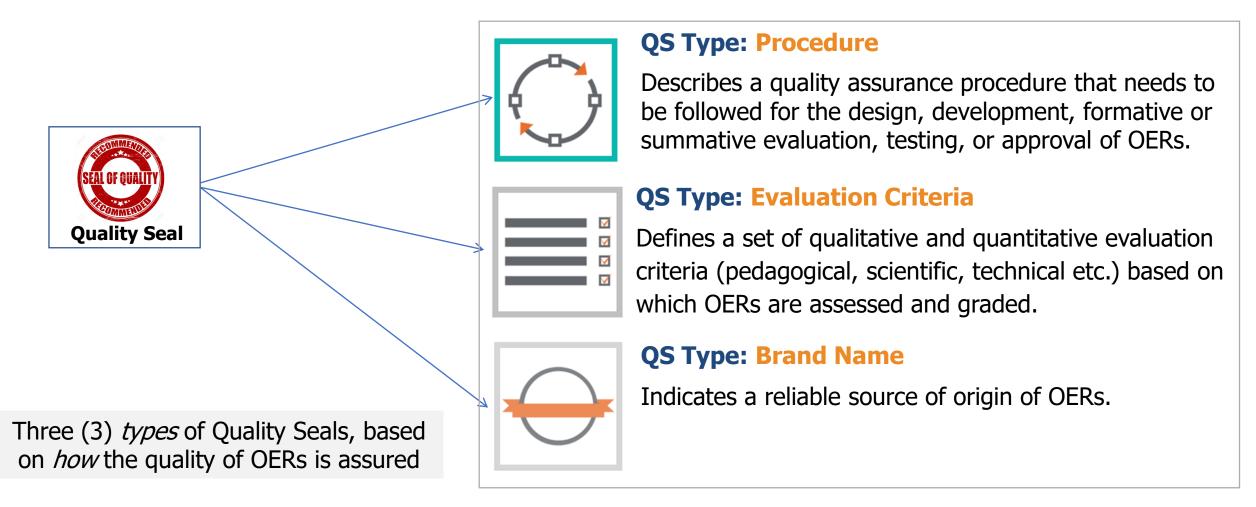
the awarding of a Quality Seal to an OER.



# The Photodentro Quality Seals Conceptual Model



# Types of Quality Seals

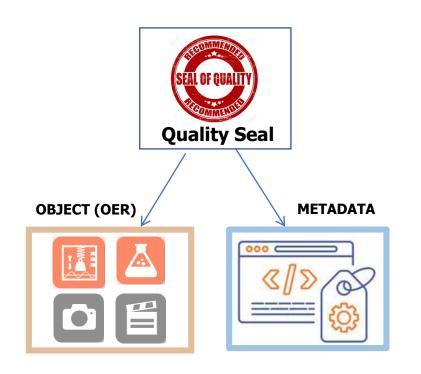




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## Categories of Quality Seals

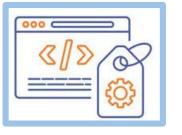


Two (2) *categories* of Quality Seals, depending on *what* they relate to



## **QS Category: Object**

Refers to the quality of the OER itself



## **QS Category: Metadata**

Refers to the quality of metadata describing the OER



# The underlying idea

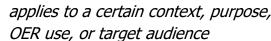


Each Quality Assurance scheme defines and can be represented as a "Quality Seal"



Each body having a quality assurance scheme for OERs, can define a "Quality Seal" by describing what OERs should meet in order to be awarded it.







upload document with metadata publish QS to an open, digital Repository of Quality Seals

Repository of Quality Seals



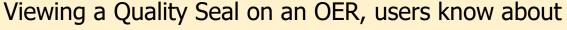








Linking QS Repository to OER Repositories



- ✓ the QA process that has been followed for this OER.
- ✓ the body by which its quality is assured





Available at: http://photodentro.edu.gr/seals

## Two web-based environments:

(a) An open, online digital **Repository of Quality Seals** 



(b) An **Authoring Environment** for entities to define, share, and award Quality Seals





**Photodentro QS Repository** 

http://photodentro.edu.gr/seals





It hosts and manages:



**Quality Seals for OERs** of various types and categories



**Sealing records** including the results of applying QA processes on OERs



**Quality Seal holders** for OERs

Operates as a Registry of OER evaluation or certification bodies

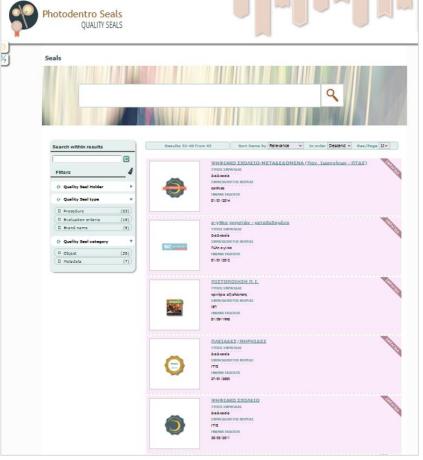


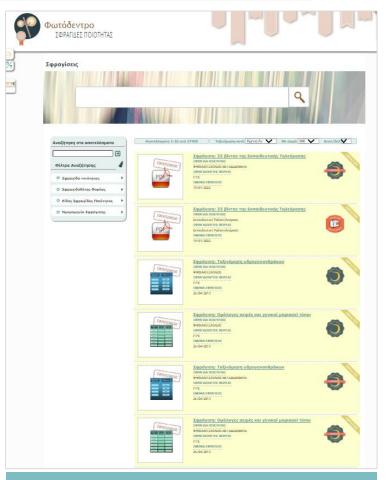
Open to everyone, teachers, pupils, parents, and the general public, to navigate and search

# **Photodentro QS Repository**

- ✓ Free-text / keyword search
- ✓ Filters to refine results, based on the Quality Seal holder, Quality Seal type or Quality Seal category







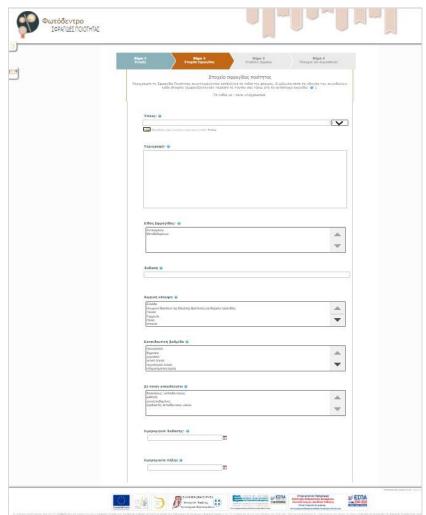
**Quality Seals** for OERs

## **Photodentro QS Authoring Environment**

For authorized users to define and describe Quality Seals, add metadata, publish, and manage them.



Defining a new Quality Seal





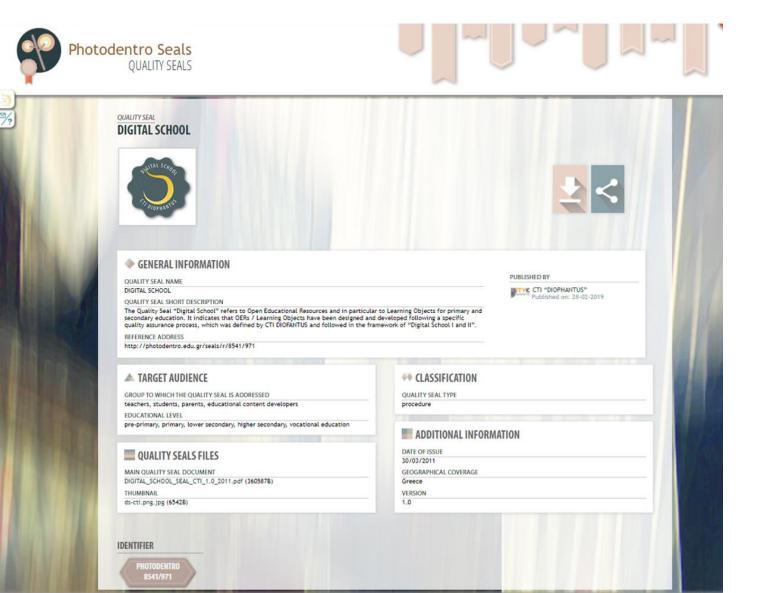
**Awarding** Quality Seals to OERs (Sealing / Stamping)



# An IEEE LOM-based metadata scheme for Quality Seals

## Quality Seal metadata page





### **General metadata:**

- ❖ title
- brief description
- geographical coverage (countries where it is valid/appropriate)
- reference address (metadata page URL)
- version
- the sealing body
- date (that quality seal was issued)

## **Educational metadata:**

- target audience
- educational level of OERs

## **Classification:**

- type (procedure, evaluation criteria, or brand name)
- category (object or metadata)

## **QS Files:**

- Logo icon
- Quality Seal Main Document

# An example: The "Digital School" Quality Seal



A Quality Seal for open Learning Objects for primary and secondary education.

Defines a QA procedure for the design and development of OERs followed in the "Digital School" project.

- (A) OERs are designed and developed by groups of experienced, highly qualified teachers, under the scientific guidance and supervision of a Scientific Coordinator
- (B) QA process (general part) for the design and development of OERs

Needs and requirements analysis

Pedagogical design (collaborative work from all team members)

Technical design and implementation

Continuous, internal formative evaluation of the OER

Pilot use and evaluation of the prototype

Approval and acceptance by the scientific coordinator

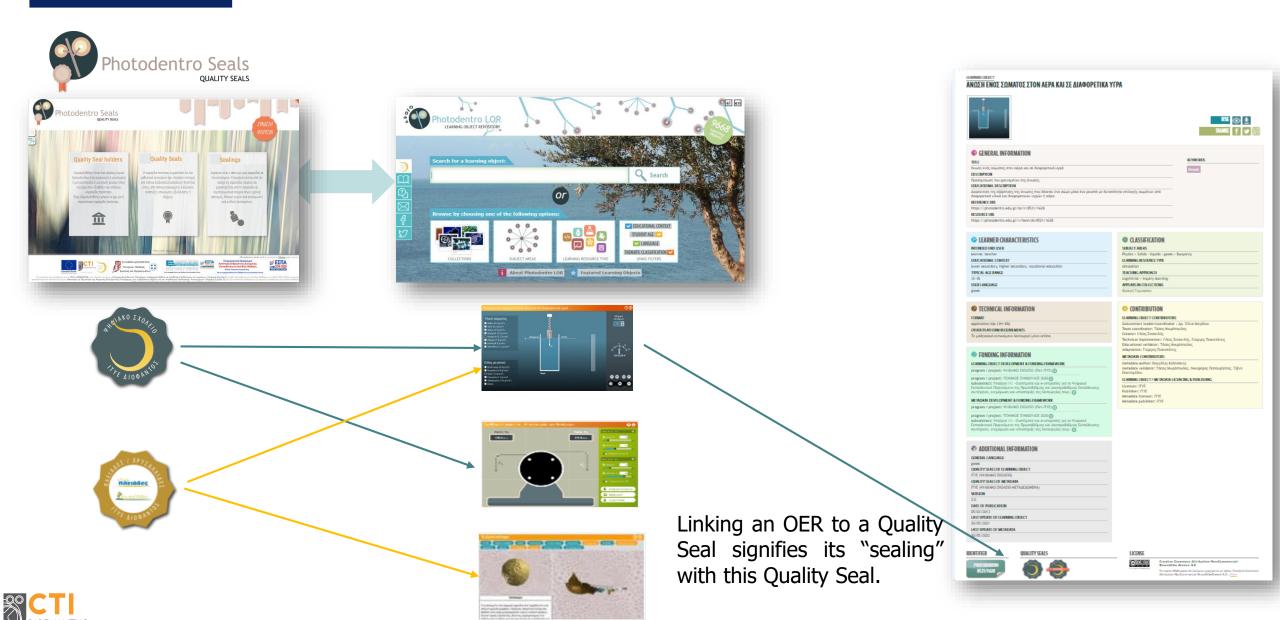
multiple cycles of pedagogical and technical design, implementation, commentary, and testing

Evaluation dimensions: content, user-interface, pedagogical design, added value, technical and functional characteristics



(C) QA process (special part): it specifies the design and development process for each subject/domain

# Linking Photodentro QS Repository to OER repositories



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# OER metadata page





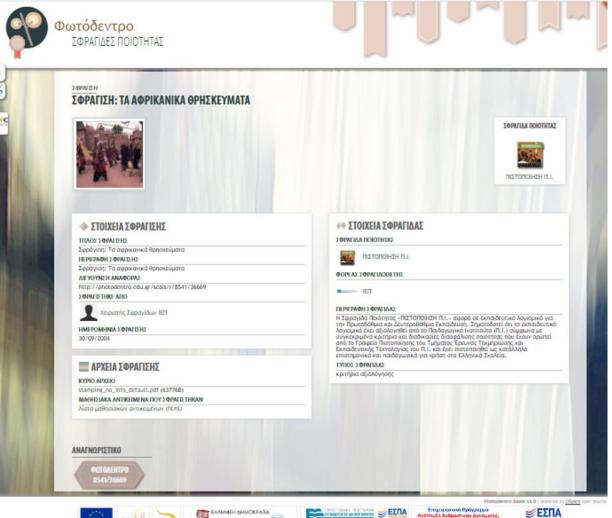


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# An IEEE LOM-based metadata scheme for Quality Seals

# Sealing record metadata page



## **Sealing metadata:**

- title
- brief description
- reference address (URL)
- \* reference to the Quality Seal with which the sealing was made
- sealing body
- timestamp of sealing (date and time on which the award of the quality seal to the OER took place)

## **Sealing Files:**

documents certifying the award of the quality seal to the OER (certifications, decisions of relevant authorities etc.)





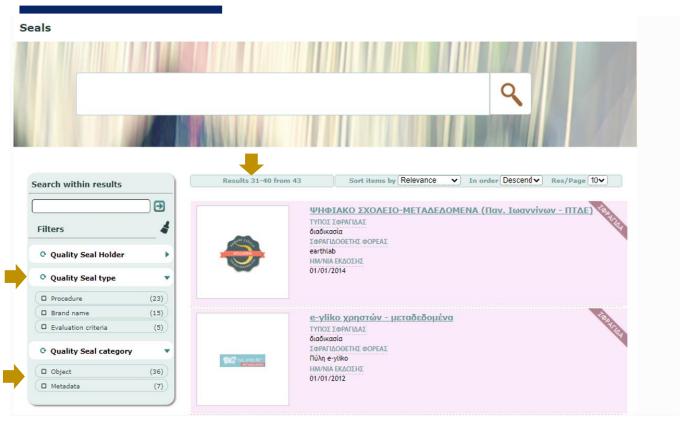








# Nationwide use of the Photodentro QS Repository

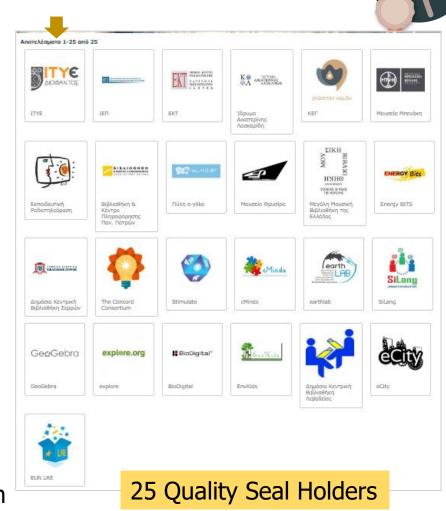


43 Quality Seals for OERs

23 describing a **procedure**5 are based on **evaluation criteria**15 defining a trustful source of origin

36 refering to **OERs** 

7 refering to **metadata** quality.



CTI has published 11 Quality Seals, all of them of type "procedure".

# Nationwide use of the Photodentro QS Repository

STUDENT AGE

LANGUAGE

THEMATIC CLASSIFICATION







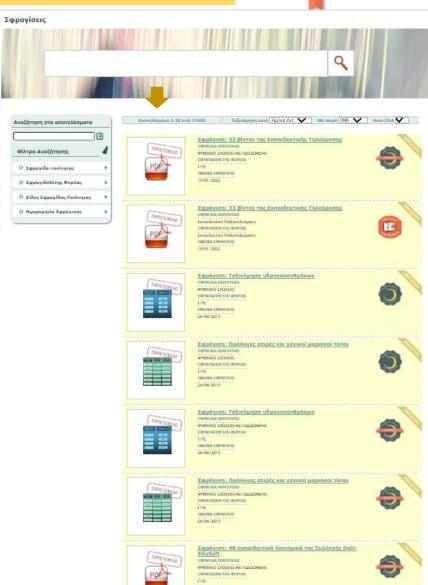


Photodentro EDUCATIONAL VIDEO



Photodentro QS has been interconnected with Photodentro Repositories and the National OER Aggregator

## 37,450 sealing records for OERs



# **Next Steps**



Create the European, multilingual edition of the Photodentro Quality Seals Repository and e-service

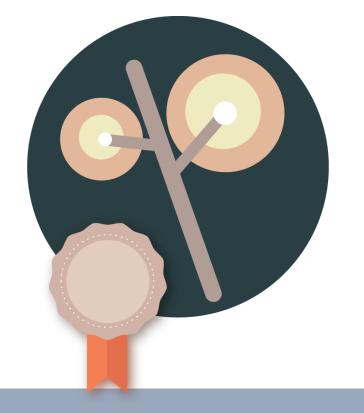


A European repository of Quality Seals for OERs and registry of Quality Seal holders



Link more OER repositories at the European level









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