



15th Scientix Projects' Networking Event

Sustainability of projects

Programme

Galway, 24 May 2019

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INTRODUCTION

An increasing number of STEM education projects need to consider their sustainability beyond their initial creation and funding, even before starting the development of activities and the generation of project outputs. However, what does sustainability of a project really mean? Moreover, how can we achieve it, when resources are limited?

The 15th Scientix Projects' Networking Event (SPNE15) will bring together project and organisation representatives active in STEM education to discuss these concerns and explore best practice in ensuring the viability of their operations while maintaining consistency in delivery. Barriers to project's sustainability whether they are economic, cultural or institutional will be discussed and solutions to maintain projects and allow their growth will be considered.

OBJECTIVES

The aim of this 15th SPNE co-organized by Scientix and Cell EXPLORERS is:

- To share the results of different projects (that “should” become sustainable).
- To discuss what is meant by sustainability, problems to achieve it and tips to succeed.
- To provide an overview of the problem with the sustainability of projects, and define a set of recommendations of follow up actions to ensure the sustainability of STEM education projects and their results.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Around 20 participants, including experts, project and organisation/institution representatives working on the topic, as well as researchers, teachers, policy makers, SMEs and other interested education practitioners. Please note this is not a teacher training event, but a discussion / exchange event.

DATE AND VENUE

24 May 2019, 09:30 – 15:30

National University of Ireland Galway (NUI Galway) - University Road, Galway, Ireland

The River Room (AS203), Arts and Science Building

HOTELS (WHERE YOU WILL BE STAYING)

Participants with the accommodation booked by European Schoolnet will be staying at:

- **Night of Thursday, 23 May:** [Nox Hotel](#) (Headford Rd, Galway, H91 KX65, Ireland) and
- **Night of Friday, 24 May:** the [Crowne Plaza Dublin Airport](#) hotel (Northwood Park, Santry Demesne, Dublin, Ireland) or the [Nox Hotel](#) (Headford Rd, Galway, H91 KX65, Ireland), depending on flights. Hotel allocations are detailed in the **Participants list** at the end of the programme.

HOW TO GET TO THE HOTELS

From Dublin Airport to Galway (and back)

The easiest way to reach Galway from the Dublin Airport is by coach. There are a number of coach operators that you can use, and which operate return trips between Galway and Dublin Airport:

- [Irish Citylink](#): operates 19 daily direct and return services between Dublin Airport/Dublin City and Galway with a journey time of approximately 3 hours.
- [GoBus](#) operates up to 18 direct daily departures between Galway, Dublin City and Dublin Airport, with a with a journey time of approximately 3 hours.
- [eireagle.com](#) operates express non-stop coach services between Dublin Airport and Galway (10 daily direct services), with a journey time of approximately 2.5 hours.

In Galway, you will be dropped off at **Galway New Coach Station**.

From Galway New Coach Station to Nox Hotel (Galway)

The Nox Hotel is at a 22 minutes' walk from the Galway Coach station (Figure 1). Alternatively, you can take a local bus from Eye Square gallery:

- Service 407: Eye Square to Headford Rd (Opp Dunnes Stores) – 4 stops
- Service 427: Eye Square to Wellpark – 1 stop

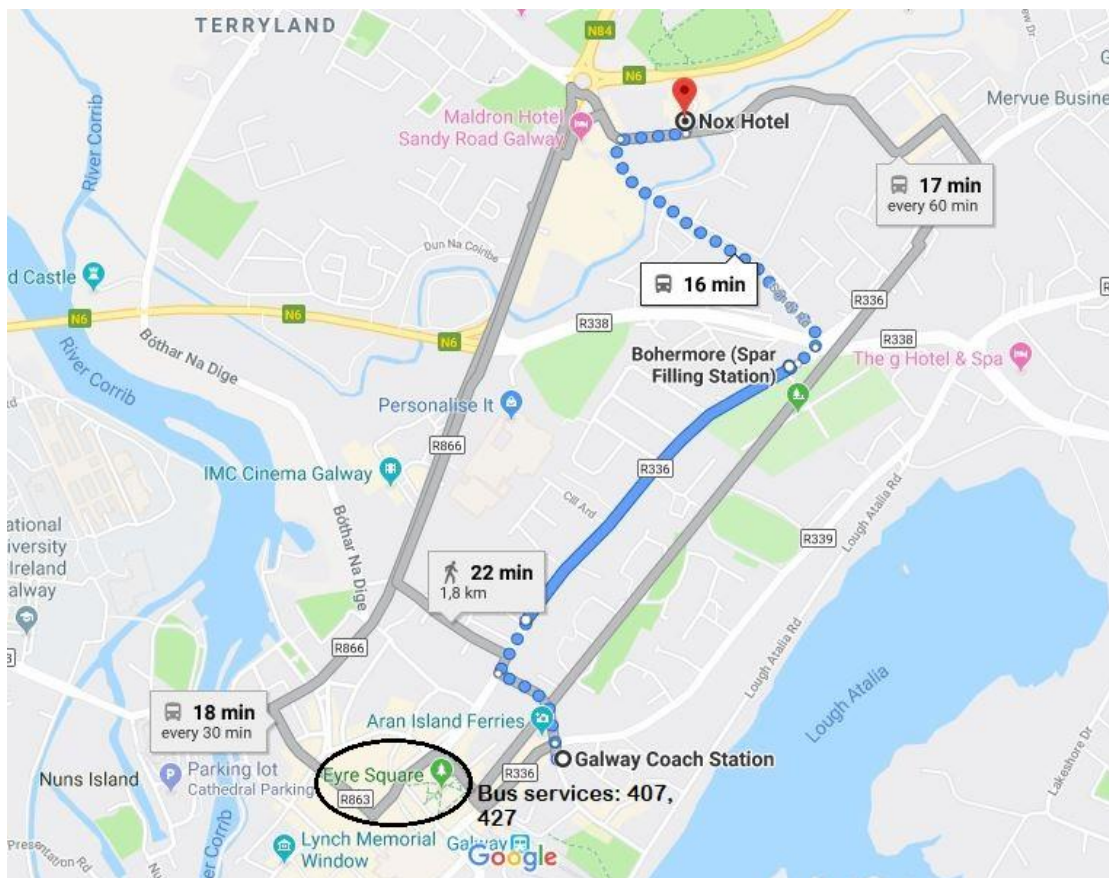


Figure 1: From Galway New Coach Station to Nox Hotel

FROM THE HOTEL IN GALWAY TO THE VENUE

The event will take place at NUI Galway - University Road - **the River Room (AS203), Arts and Science Building**. NUI Galway is at approximately 30 minutes' walk from the Nox Hotel (Figure 2).

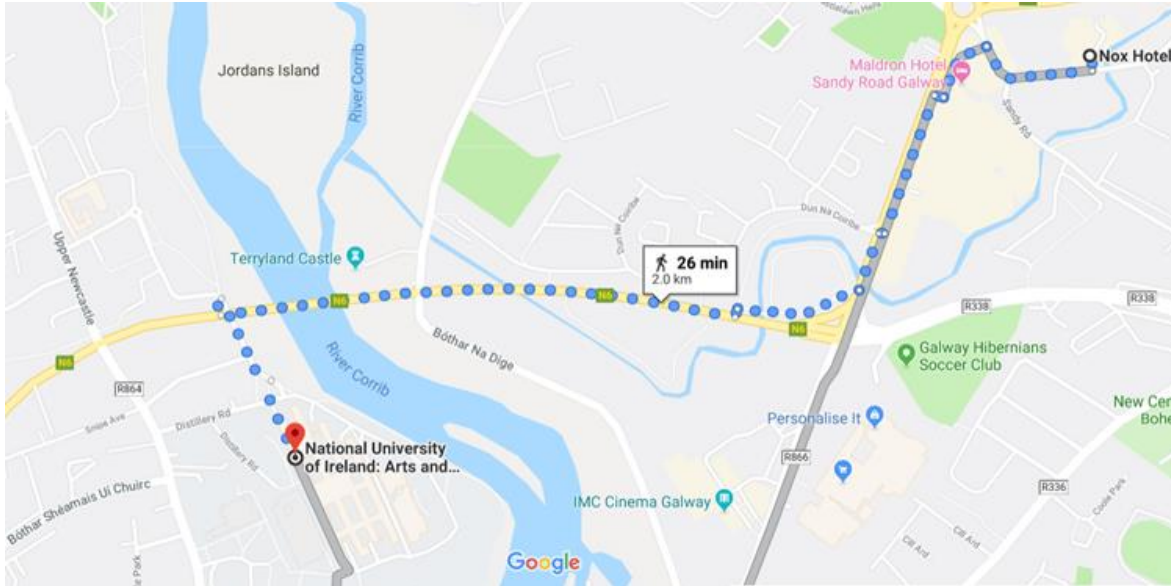


Figure 2: From Nox Hotel to NUI Galway

Art & Science building map – location of AS203



Figure 3: Location of AS203 in the river room.

FROM THE HOTEL IN DUBLIN TO THE DUBLIN AIRPORT

If you are staying at the [Crowne Plaza Dublin Airport](#) hotel (Northwood Park, Santry Demesne, Dublin, Ireland) on Friday night, you should know that the hotel offers a complimentary shuttle bus, **running daily between 04:00 – 23:45** to all their guests staying in the hotel (there is no need to pre book seats). The shuttle runs on a timetable and will collect hotel guests from the airport at **zone 16 in the coach carpark**.

AFTER THE EVENT

The organizers will collect ideas, comments and general conclusions agreed between participants during the workshop. The results of the discussion will be published in a Scientix Observatory article co-authored by all participants. For more information on Scientix observatory papers, please see: <http://scientix.eu/observatory>

PROGRAMME (FRIDAY 24 MAY 2019)

Time	Session
09:30 – 10:00 (30')	Registration
10:00 – 10:30 (30')	Welcome to the event and brief presentations on Scientix and Cell EXPLORERS
10:30 – 11:30 (60')	8' presentations from participating organisations and projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Future of Projects</i> • <i>Discover and study planets at school with data and an interdisciplinary approach</i> • <i>MAKE TOMORROW FOR TURKEY</i> • <i>GO NANOTEC in the context of the promotion of STEM basic skills projects in Switzerland</i> • <i>Saturdays of Science and BOTSTEM</i> • <i>Sustainability plan of AHA project</i>
11:30 – 11:50 (20')	Coffee break
11:50 – 12:35 (45')	<p>Discussion session 1: Why is sustainability of STEM education projects important and what does it really mean?</p> <p><i>The European Commission and many other project funding institutions require projects to be sustainable after the initial funding is over. What does this sustainability mean? And why is it important?</i></p>
12:35 – 13:15 (40')	Networking Lunch
13:15 – 14:00 (45')	<p>Discussion session 2: How can sustainability be achieved?</p> <p><i>What are the possible barriers to sustainability of STEM education projects? Is funding the factor allowing projects to be sustainable? In what other ways can project sustainability be increased? What are the pros and cons of each?</i></p>
14:00 – 14:20 (20')	Coffee break
14:20 – 15:10 (50')	<p>Discussion session 3: Tips to ensure sustainability of projects</p> <p><i>What are the possible channels for the sustainability of a project's results? What measures should be taken from the beginning to ensure the maximum chances for a resource to be sustainable?</i></p>
15:10 – 15:30 (20')	Summary of the event by organizers

PARTICIPANTS LIST

Participants and flight information

	Last Name	First Name	Country	Airport
1	Ben shirit Haimi	Limor	16. Israel	Dublin Airport
2	Cahill	Gary	15. Ireland	n/a
3	Caner	Fatma	31. Turkey	Dublin Airport
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5	Curtin	Siobhán	15. Ireland	n/a
6	Dean	Kellie	15. Ireland	n/a
7	Fleming	Eoin	15. Ireland	n/a
8	Garcia Cabellos	Guiomar Maria	15. Ireland	n/a
9	Garcia Terceño	Eva Maria	28. Spain	Dublin Airport
10	Germaine	Kieran	15. Ireland	n/a
11	Gilleran Stephens	Caroline	15. Ireland	n/a
12	Grenon	Muriel	15. Ireland	n/a
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15	Kirmaci	Hatice	31. Turkey	Dublin Airport
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17	Mc Guinness	Shane	15. Ireland	n/a
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19	Moujdi-Menaugé	Fatima	10. France	Dublin Airport
20	Nistor	Adina	EUN	Dublin Airport
21	O'Grady	Audrey	15. Ireland	n/a
22	Pastor Pina	Francisco Javier	28. Spain	Dublin Airport
23	Peleg	Ran	32. United Kingdom	Dublin Airport
24	Prior	Samantha	15. Ireland	n/a
25	Santos	Ilda Maria Antunes	24. Portugal	Dublin Airport
26	Siotou	Eirini	12. Greece	Dublin Airport