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Escuela de Doctorado

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CV summary:

Dr. Robert O'Dowd is Associate Professor for English as a Foreign Language and Applied Linguistics at the University of León, Spain. He has taught at universities in Ireland, Germany and Spain and has over 40 publications on the application of Virtual Exchange in university education. He was the founding president of the UNICollaboration academic organization for telecollaboration and virtual exchange (www.unicollaboration.org) and has been invited to be plenary speaker at international conferences in the US, Asia and across Europe.

Among recent activities, he was invited in 2019 to be co-editor of a special edition of the prestigious journal *Language Learning & Technology* on the theme of Virtual Exchange in Foreign Language Education. He also coordinated the Erasmus projects *Integrating International Networks in Higher Education* (INTENT) (2011-2014) and the European Policy Experiment *Evaluating and Upscaling Telecollaborative Teacher Education* (EVALUATE) (2017-2019). He is currently coordinating the Erasmus+ European Policy Experiment *Virtual Innovation and Support Networks for Teachers* (VALIANT) (2021-2024).

Keywords: Virtual Exchange, Telecollaboration, Collaborative Online International Learning, Computer Assisted Language Learning (CALL)

Resumen del CV:

Robert O'Dowd es profesor titular en la Universidad de León. Su principal campo de investigación es la telecolaboración y los intercambios virtuales en la educación universitaria. Tiene numerosas publicaciones relacionadas con este tema y participa activamente en proyectos europeos sobre la integración de los intercambios virtuales en la enseñanza universitaria. Ha sido investigador principal de dos proyectos europeos - *Integrating International Networks in Higher Education* (INTENT) (2011-2014) y *Evaluating and Upscaling Telecollaborative Teacher Education* (EVALUATE) (2017-2019).

Palabras clave: Intercambios virtuales, telecolaboración