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RESEARCH PROJECT PARTICIPANTS: INSTRUCTORS

- Six institutions across four countries have been actively participating.
- A questionnaire survey collected 275
 responses from faculty members of several
 universities in the participating countries.
- The results focus on the personality traits of the participating instructors

INSTRUCTORS' PERSONALITY TRAITS

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The project at this stage is focusing on the presentation and analysis of the personality traits of instructors. An assessment of the instructors' personality traits will be presented.

INSTRUCTORS' PERSONALITY TRAITS AND FACETS

Self-reported personality traits of instructors were measured on a scale assessing the Five Personality Factors of the Big Five Model and more specifically extraversion, conscientiousness, agreeableness, neuroticism and openness to experience. The Big Five Factor model is to date the most influential and well-studied model of the personality. Extraversion describes dimensions such as Warmth/Heartedness, Sociability and Assertiveness, Activity, Thrill-Seeking and Positive Emotions. Neuroticism summarizes characteristics such as anxiety, hostility, depression, self-consciousness, impulsivity and vulnerability. Openness to Experience includes characteristics such as Imagination, Aesthetics, Actions, Ideas and Values. Agreeableness refers to Trust, Directness/Sensitivity, Altruism, Conformity, Modesty and Sensitivity. Finally, Conscientiousness describes Competence, Orderliness, Conscientiousness, Ambition, Self-Discipline and Thoughtfulness. Table 1 below summarizes the characteristics of the participants. Values range from 0-5, and higher values indicate the higher presence of the specific characteristic.

	AGREEABLENESS	EXTRAVERSION	NEUROTICISM	OPENNESS TO EXPERIENCE	CONSCIENTIOUSNESS
Mean	3,5473	3,5707	2,4039	3,8279	3,9874
Minimum	2,08	1,00	1,13	2,20	2,40
Maximum	4,83	5,00	4,13	4,90	5,00

Table 1. Instructors' Personality Traits

The descriptive statistics highlight the personality traits, which characterize and describe the instructors, from the most representative trait to the least: Conscientiousness, Openness to Experience, Extraversion, Agreeableness and finally Neuroticism. It is interesting to note that considering the maximum values, several instructors had perfect scores in extraversion and conscientiousness.

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