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KEYWORDS

Maximum of 5 words.

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In detail that should be:
• **Background:** The area and theoretical framework of the work, e.g. “This paper takes a socio-cultural perspective to the design of PLEs.” or “This is an action research study of the introduction of mobile PLEs.”

• **Approach:** Describe the approach and methods employed in the work.

• **Results:** Give an account of the work that is in progress or has been carried out, and why it is important. Show how you have evaluated or conducted a critical appraisal of the work.

• **Conclusion:** Reflect on the successes and limitations of the work and its potential for further development. Submissions should address one or more conference themes or be related to the general theme of PLE.

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