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Languages Opening Gates to Society

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Project details

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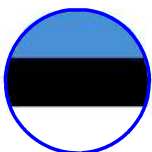
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Key action : Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices

Action : Strategic Partnership for adult education

Partners

- Finska folkhögskolan
- Jazyková škola Poprad
- Sihtasutus Tartu Rahvaülikool
- Centre Formació Adults Catalònia



Project

The first idea to establish a partnership came into being during the contact seminar in Toledo, Spain. We do realize that learning a foreign language plays an important role in each society and in the world of work. Languages help people to integrate, they open gates to society as well as to the labour market. Our target group involves immigrants learning a language of their new homeland, adults learning a foreign language to improve employability at the labour market.

Aims and objectives:

- to share good practices and methods in language learning
- to study the effect of three different language teaching methods and the impact on our target groups
- to analyse our findings
- to improve the teaching method of foreign languages
- to tailor the teaching to the needs of individuals
- to develop the teachers competences and skills





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Kick off Meeting

The kick off meeting of the LOGS took place in Gothenburg, Sweden, on the 19th and 20th October 2017. Hosted by the coordinator of the project - the Finska folkhögskolan, the partners met to plan and discuss the project and activities that would take place during the next two years. We were welcomed by the warm hospitality of the principal and all the teachers, we took the opportunity to learn about the school, meet students and observe classes. During the two-day meeting the project was presented by the coordinator, followed by discussions on the content, aims, objectives of the project, the time frames, roles and responsibilities of each partner.



Profile of the host partner

Finska folkhögskolan SWEDEN

Is a folk high school situated in the north-east of Gothenburg. The school was started here because many Finnish people, the original target group, lived in this area.

The need for a local school remains although the target group has changed and expanded during the years. The main aim of the school is to strengthen the cultural identity of immigrants and help in the integration process to the Swedish society, as well as to promote personal development, multilingualism, multiculturalism, participation, as well as provide a broad general education in an environment where people from different countries and with diverse experiences come together. Currently the school offers tutoring at least in the following languages: Finnish, Somali, Kurdish, Arabic, Hungarian, Spanish, Tigrinya and Farsi.





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Drama and role play

During the meeting using drama and role play in foreign language teaching were introduced by the host partner to all the participants.



The students of the visited school come from many different countries and backgrounds. Therefore, the teachers try to use the teaching aids they find widely accepted. Drama has a rather important role in their teaching process.



It's regarded as an outlet for self-expression, and a way of learning. Drama is an effective learning tool because it involves the student intellectually, physically, socially, and emotionally.

We watched a video consisting of extracts from some fairy tales coming – as well as their performers – from many different countries. In their learning process Dramatic Arts education is an important means of stimulating creativity in problem solving.

In a practical drama workshop hold by the local theatre group we were taught several methods we can use to enrich our lessons. The special emphasis was made upon role-plays as one of the most powerful drama-based techniques to be used within the educational process at each level.

The next meeting

The next meeting will be held by our partner Centre Formació Adults Catalònia in April 2018. The school is situated in Catalonia, Spain. The meeting will enable the partners to explore and experience one of the teaching methods introduced by the host institution .

