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FOURTH PARTNER MEETING

The partners came together for the fourth time in Turkey. The fourth meeting was held in the central part of Anatolia in the city of Aksaray. A great deal of progress and the first impressions of iPortal took place during the intensive workshop days.



The first day of the meeting started with the introduction of Aksaray University and was dedicated for the progress of iPortal. Viktor and Kiril (members of partners edUation and F21) covered some points such as the structure of iPortal, creating a course site, adapting site functions for specific needs, creating contents and etc... The partners had the opportunity to use and adjust iPortal for different language learning actions.

“ Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere. ”

Chinese Proverb

The second day was on creating assessments. Partners created different sets of tests, quizzes on a pre-determined subject. The tests and quizzes covered a range of examples starting from multiple choice questions to pronunciation activities. In the second part of the second day the session was mainly focused on project management and organizational issues.



Partners of iPortal in 4th Partner Meeting.

Members from Future 21 Century Foundation Raichin and Kiril presented the potential of 3D simulator for the integration of to iPortal. Partners discussed the potential of Second Life 3D simulator in iPortal and language learning. Partners acknowledged the change of UK partner and Paul Harrison to take the lead then partners commented on progress report.

WORKING ON WORK PACKAGES

Partners went through work packages about which activities will be broken in to tasks, how the roles, responsibilities of the partners will be. Moreover some of the work packages were redefined in order to have a much clearer understanding of responsibilities and tasks. It was apparent that iPortal has a considerable strength about following points.

STRENGTHS OF IPORTAL

- *Flexible for different age groups.*
- *Easy to use for different types of learning (individual-group).*
- *Innovative for language learning with virtual classroom facilities and enabling student /learner autonomy.*
- *Having video recording of lessons to review previous courses later on.*
- *Having a potential for resource sharing.*
- *Being a good instrument for encouraging teachers' own development*
- *Featuring immediate feedback for learners which is a vital issue in language learning.*
- *Enabling e-communication channels.*
- *Using 3D simulator "Second Life" as a learning environment.*



Night? Morning? Evening? Afternoon?...

Time doesn't matter. Just join and start learning 7/24 on iPortal...

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DID YOU KNOW

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You can have a chat with natives or foreigners or learners. "Second Life" can be the virtual world of your language acquisition...

PARTNER MEETING VIDEOS

Here you can find project meetings' videos:

- **Kick-off meeting, Plovdiv (Bulgaria):**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Sg-4cm4Gtw>
- **Malaga meeting (Spain):**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPbX-7pdsF4>
- **Leipzig meeting (Germany):**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TpJ_JulTzOw
- **Aksaray meeting (Turkey)**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4-64xqjoLI>

What will be the next steps???

- ✓ Review the language, terms and terminology in iPortal.
- ✓ Find different language learning exercises that can enrich and fit into iPortal.
- ✓ Prepare sample courses in three levels A1,A2,B1 on the subject of "Travel"
- ✓ Explore 3D simulator "Second life"

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