

Third Partner Meeting

The team project was reunited for the third time in a partner meeting held in April in Leipzig, Germany. A great progress was made during the meeting, covering the whole important topics, such as updates in the management system, financial issues, external evaluator, dissemination, advisory groups, iPortal platform, demonstration of the technology, dates for the next partner meetings, public report, and project website.

The coordinator of Future 21st Century Foundation had the opportunity to explain how the technology can be implemented in the platform, with a practical demonstration of the possibilities for the virtual classrooms.

Partners also shared their findings on the approaching of the target groups in their country and what were the difficulties in contacting them.

The minutes of the meeting were produced by Carola Dierich, the German partner.



The partnership at the 3rd partner meeting

Advisory Groups

One of the outcomes of the iPortal project is acquiring a database of advisory groups in each country. The tasks of these groups are to serve as assistances to the project.

The different approaches take their inputs from the following categories of target groups:

- Language teachers in formal education settings.
- VETPROs (Vocational Education and Training Professionals) and decision makers working in the field of language education.
- Language education centers.
- Freelance language teachers.
- Disabled people, both language teachers and learners.
- People who want to learn foreign languages by using the internet.
- Employers, migrants and other actors in the language education sector.
- The partners in the consortium as organizations providing language training.

“LANGUAGE IS COMMUNICATION”

The goal of language teaching is communicative competence (Hymes, 1972).

External Evaluator

The External Evaluator Angelica Bucur was appointed and the contract has been signed. Her report was added to iPortal Progress report. This was carried out by our Spanish partner, Iniciativas de Proyectos de Formación, as part of their role as leader of Quality Assurance.

The partners discussed the role of the Evaluator and the duties to be carried out by them in the partner meeting.

Project meeting videos

The partnership has been produced video content based on the three project meetings that we had so far.

They can be seen in the following links:

- Kick-off meeting, Plovdiv (Bulgary): <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_JuITzOw

Next Steps

The next steps will be to:

- complete the technical work on the iPortal.
- prepare testing materials for level A1 for the workshop in Aksaray (Turkey).
- gather feedback from the workshop.
- develop a training package.

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We would like to thank you for your interest in the iPortal Project!

iPortal Platform

The conclusions obtained from the needs analysis focus the approach in the platform in these points:

- 1) Need of one unified tool that serves to fill the gaps in different foreign languages systems in the partner countries.
- 2) teacher training has to take place on 2 levels : technical – how to use the platform ; metodological - how to produce materials for the platform/ how to maximize what you can get out of it.
- 3) Highlight the importance for less widely taught languages
- 4) The platform has to address the needs of the users.
- 5) Flexibility for the teacher on how to organize the course/lessons.



iPortal homepage

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