

Mentors Activate European Language Portfolio through Multimedia: activELP

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Definition of key terms

ELP: The ELP is a **personal document** devised by the **Council of Europe(2001)** in which language learners can record and reflect on their language learning and cultural experiences with reference to descriptors of language skills in the **Common European Framework of References For Languages: Learning, Teaching and Assessment(CEFR)**.

Mentor: Mentoring is an ongoing one-to-one relationship between an adult and a student who needs support to achieve academic, career, social and/or personal goals.

Multimedia: Interactive Whiteboard(IWB)



activELP project addresses:

- national stakeholders who are responsible of developing foreign language policies, educationalists involved in curriculum development, academics in the English language teaching methodology field
- teachers of languages
- any person who is learning foreign languages
- any institution who is involved in teaching languages
- teacher trainers in the language teaching sector
- People who are engaged with material development for teaching/learning foreign languages



Project partners

The consortium involves partners who:

- have developed and worked with different types of ELPs;
- have strong experience in use of ICT tools in language teaching and learning;
- have experience in teacher mentoring;
- represent the target groups: different types of learners



Partners list

- P1- Public Service Language Centre, Latvia
- P2- Pimary School of Palekastro, Greece
- P3- College of Computer Science, Poland
- P4- University of Latvia, Latvia
- P5- European Centre for Education and Training, Bulgaria
- P6- AKADEMI Engineering & Education & Consultancy, Mugla, Turkey
- P7- Pixel Association, Italy
- P8- International Certificate Conference e.v., Germany



ActivELP project proposes 2 channels:

- **mentoring**- will ensure the access to the ELP by groups and individual learners allowing to practice the ELP through interaction;
- **multimedia**- will enable us to reach teachers in different education sectors, and to pass on practical skills of using ELP through interactive whiteboard.



The specific aims of ActivELP project are:

- **to develop** a training program for language teachers “ELP in Language Teaching through Multimedia” and mentoring guidelines for implementation of this program;
- **to train** a group of language teachers-mentors from all EU countries;
- **to test** the training program for use of the ELP by language teachers.



activELP project outcomes

- training program for language teachers “ELP in Language Teaching through Multimedia”, published in paper and electronic versions;
- a trained group of language-teachers mentors representing all countries of Europe;



activELP project outcomes

- guidelines for mentoring ELP through multimedia;
- 100 teachers of all education sectors, trained for use of ELP in language teaching through multimedia. The mentors and teachers involved in the training activities will come from all education sectors.

Interactive Whiteboard: what are its pluses?

The interactive whiteboard offers a wide range of multimedia resources which enable text, still images, authentic materials on the internet, by using power point, audio and video to be combined in interesting and stimulating ways for presentation purposes in the classroom.



Interactive Whiteboard: what are its pluses?

IWB is based on “interactive learning” and is a practical means in offering diverse input devices (keyboard, mouse, touch screen or speech input); and last but not least various types of feedback in text, image, audio or video forms

IWB- activELP

Since the launch of the ELP several manuals and guides in various forms have been prepared and ready for access. The difference of activELP is that the use of ELP is disseminated via interactive activities, practical, hands-on and easy –to-use and clear to understand activities created to be used on the IWB.



What has been done so far?

- ELP mentoring workshop has been realised in Lodz, Poland: March 3-8, 2009. At least 2 teacher trainers/language teachers from 8 project partner countries have attended the workshop. Around 40 professionals attended and the IWB raised great interest among them. The 2 attendants are expected to organise seminars/workshops in their country to disseminate the use of ELP.
- activELP webpage is still under construction.



Web links



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