

IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR A LANGUAGE INITIATIVE

NATIONAL WORKSHOP

organized in the framework of the project

“NELLIP – Network of European Language Labeled Initiatives and Projects”

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1) Authors of the Plan

Representatives of organisations active in the field of adult education, vocational education and training, policy-makers. 7 people took part in the work group which had the task to develop a new language learning initiative

2) Description of the Initiative

Target groups: Children of immigrants and refugees in pre-primary school age

Goals:

- Developing basic skills in Bulgarian
- Developing communicative skills for equal participation in primary school education
- Better integration of immigrants in society and access to education

Methods:

- Developing attractive and interactive learning materials tailored to the needs of the target groups (for example Syrian children)
- Involving volunteers with experience in teaching Bulgarian as a foreign language and in working with migrants
- Organising weekly language learning classes/activities for children and their parents
- Providing a methodology for tandem learning “parents-children”
- Involving migrant organisations and disseminating the project to other migrant communities for adapting and transferring the methodology

Expected results:

- Development of basic language skills
- Development of teaching and learning materials for tandem learning for parents and children based on communicative language learning
- Integration of migrants at early age

3) Presentation of the Coordinator of the Initiative

New initiative, no coordinator.

4) Improvement Plan

- The problem and its background have to be researched in detail in order to identify the concrete needs of the target groups and possible solutions for meeting them
- The target groups should be very clearly described and chosen according to the current situation and actual needs
- Measurable goals and results
- Links with relevant initiatives on local and national level

5) Strategy to submit the project to the ELL

- Addressing the priorities of the ELL
- Clear description of the initiative, its strengths and potential for multiplication and transferability in other contexts and with different target groups
- Take into consideration the ELL award criteria during the implementation of the project and make sure each one of them is addressed appropriately
- Link the importance of the initiative to the current national policies and priorities (migrant integration, etc.)