



QUALITY

The morning sessions were opened by two extraordinary lectures that offered general input about the European Language Label. The first lecture was entitled **“European Language Label: Innovation and Quality in Language Teaching and Learning”** and presented by Ms. Ascensión López Cánovas a member of the Language Department of the Autonomous Organization for European Programs of the Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports. Ms. López, in charge of the Spanish Label awards, presented the award in Spain, the characteristics, results and priorities of the last years, the European priorities for the coming year and encouraged potential promoters to apply to the award.

The second conference given by Ms. Mercedes Rico. Coordinator of GexCALL research group of the University of Extremadura was entitled **“GexCALL: Research, Transfer and Technology for Language Teaching From a Multidisciplinary Perspective.”** During her speech, Ms Rico introduced Gexcall group, the NELLIP project and members and provided with a fantastic review of the fundamental items a proposal should meet in order to be awarded the label. Rico used several projects coordinated by her group to present clear examples of weaknesses and strengths in real projects. Such examples were very valuable for prospective Label participants who aim to apply to the award with successful projects.

NETWORKING

After the first session, which versed specifically on the Label, two conferences based on the importance of networking to promote projects were presented in the Roundtable 1 entitled **“Quality, Innovation and Networks in Language Teaching”**. The roundtable was moderated by Ms. Gemma Delicado Puerto a member of GexCALL group, University of Extremadura.

In this table, the first speaker was Ms. Laura Alonso Díaz, Associate Dean for Teaching Practice of Teacher Training College, University of Extremadura. She gave an excellent talk about the significance of innovation. She presented great, and user friendly examples to be incorporated into future projects.



The second lecture was given by *Mr. Pablo Hurtado* from the Interagency Agreements Office and Project Manager Coordinator for the Chancellorship of International Relations at the University of Extremadura. Mr. Hurtado encouraged teachers and prospective promoters to incorporate networking in their projects as they are used to do so in their daily life for other purposes.

During this session there were expected to have two online connections with two European institutions, which are partners of The *Nellip* project, in order to exchange views on the contents discussed in the roundtable.

☐ **Kutu** (Marketing and publicity) Bulgaria. www.kutu---bg.eu).

☐ **Universal Learning Systems**

(Research and education development consultancy)

Ireland. www.ulsystems.com).

Unfortunately, only the connection with the Bulgarian partners was possible. Despite that fact, the on line connection was a success. The Bulgarian partners explained to our audience the main results of their workshops, the policies on quality, networking and innovation in their countries among other things. The Spanish audience was really involved with the partners and formulated numerous questions to them. The mentioned questions and answers enriched the roundtable and the whole conference.

INNOVATION

During the Roundtable 2 entitled “Creativity, Motivation and Challenges for Excellence in Formal And Non-formal Education” and moderated by Ms. *Mercedes Rico*, Coordinator of GexCALL research group at the University of Extremadura, two more lectures were given.

The first one by *Ms. Eva María Domínguez Gómez*, also a member of GexCALL group. And faculty of the Department of Didactics of Music, Art and Body Expression at the



Teacher Training College at University of Extremadura. Ms. Domínguez conference talked about the importance of ideas, dreams and illusion to create successful projects. Her talk was especially profound and made the audience believe in the human inner capacity to innovate.

Mr. José Antonio Gutiérrez Flores, the Language Teaching Technical Adviser of the Government of Extremadura, offered a lecture on the governmental policies on innovation. His speech was extremely enlightening and provided with a number of ways to approach the administration's support and funding for eventual projects.

The morning sessions settled an enriching theoretical background to prepare the audience to attend and actively participate in the afternoon workshops.