

WORKSHOP MINUTES

NATIONAL WORKSHOP

organized in the framework of the project “NELLIP – Network of European Language Labeled Initiatives and Projects”

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1. Opening words and explanation of the objectives of the workshop
2. The participants were presented with the ELL initiative.
3. The NELLIP project was presented and the participants were introduced to all developed products through the online portal of the project. Participants presented their current language projects and initiated discussions on the future opportunities for initiating and implementing language projects in Bulgaria in line with the new programme Erasmus+. A discussion on the challenges of the new application form took place. It was agreed to make reference to different aspects of the new programme throughout the workshop and make maximum use of the NELLIP findings in practical terms.
4. Coffee break
5. Group work on shared definitions of quality in language teaching and learning. The work was based on an adapted version of the worksheets provided by Richard Rossner from EAQUALS. The group work resulted in a discussion on quality issues related to the link “service-client-quality” extracting the main ideas of each group on a flipchart. As a follow-up the participants brainstormed on connecting their findings with the most important aspects of a quality project.
6. A second group work took place on the topic
7. Individual work on the topic “Risk management” followed by discussions and summary of the main factors with reference to existing good practices for language learning promoted by the participants in language project. The brainstorming session resulted in a list of recommendations on important aspects of the risk management (also included as a section on the new application form).
8. Presentation of the NELLIP Guidelines with reference to the quality issues discussed in the previous sessions. The Guidelines were of a specific interest to the participants and a lot of questions on different sections were asked and addressed.



9. Work on the Improvement Plan. All participants worked on the improvement of an unsuccessful language proposal.
10. Lunch
11. Work on the Improvement Plan continued.
12. Online transnational meeting with participants in the workshop in Romania. Both sides presented the results of their discussions on quality, innovation and networking. The meeting was quite useful and gave an idea of what is done in Romania.
13. Presentation of the results from the work group on the Improvement Plan. Discussions on the presented ideas and feedback.
14. Evaluation of the workshop and the NELLIP online portal.
15. Discussions on collaboration models and common interests in terms of language projects continued informally.
16. Closing of the event.