



VALSTYBĖS INSTITUCIJŲ KALBŲ CENTRAS  
PUBLIC SERVICE LANGUAGE CENTRE



# **NATIONAL WORKSHOPS**

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

## **LITHUANIA**



# General Information

- **Organised workshops: 3**
- **Dates:**
  - 18 October 18 2013
  - 21 February 2014
  - 14 April 2014
- **Total number of participants: 38**
- **Educational sectors covered: All**



# 1<sup>st</sup> National Workshop

- ▶ **Date:** 18 October 2014
- ▶ **Place:** Vilnius, Lithuania
- ▶ **Duration:** 6 hours
- ▶ **Number of participants:** 16 people
- ▶ **Moderators:**
  - ▶ Audrone Auskeliene – PSLC Director, NELLIP team member
  - ▶ Dr. Olga Medvedeva – NELLIP national coordinator, PSLC international project coordinator
- ▶ **Experts/Key speakers:**
  - ▶ Vytautas Pačiauskas, the Education Exchanges Support Foundation, Lithuania;
  - ▶ Vilma Bačkiūtė, Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania;
  - ▶ Laima Jankauskienė– Chief specialist on pre-school and primary school education, The Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania;
  - ▶ Irena Raudiene – a former member of the ELL Jury in Lithuania, Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania.



# Reflections

1. Comparing with the situation in Estonia ( national ELL reports), LT primary school teachers and administrators fall behind in initiating quality language projects
2. There is not enough information about advantages of initiating projects and ELL campaign.
3. Participants are interested on involving subject teachers and building up school communities.
4. Participation of the ELL winner ([http://ec.europa.eu/education/language/label/label\\_public/index.cfm?fuseaction=project\\_award&award\\_id=4223](http://ec.europa.eu/education/language/label/label_public/index.cfm?fuseaction=project_award&award_id=4223)) added value to the discussion about projects at school.
5. A new project proposal ( brainstormed by the participants) responds to the priorities of Erasmus+.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> National Workshop

- ▶ **Date:** 21 February 2014
- ▶ **Place:** Sofia, Bulgaria
- ▶ **Duration:** 4 hours
- ▶ **Number of participants:** 22 people
- ▶ **Profile of participants:**
  - ▶ language centres,
  - ▶ NGOs
  - ▶ the training centre of the Ministry of Justice
  - ▶ Lithuanian Association of Language teachers
- ▶ **Expert involved:**

J. Melaikienė ( SMPF) – responsible for the ELL activities in Lithuania (gave presentation on ELL and answered questions about Erasmus + programme)



# Reflections

1. ELL winners stressed the importance of an original & innovative idea and reliability of partners
2. Considering one of the priorities of Erasmus+ ( social inclusion) , the participants focused on possible future cooperation ( training centres, NGOs)
3. Skype session with the Romania partners turned into practical steps towards common project application
4. Adult education pre-supposes exploring the potential of various sectors and social players



## Main result

Three NELLIP partners in cooperation with NELLIP workshop participants initiated and submitted a new project application.

The strategic partnership project **WORKPLACE: SOCIETY** aims at improving chances of social inclusion for different categories of end-users concerned (ex-convicts, migrants, single mothers unable to support their families, people with disabilities, migrants etc.).

During the project, a transnational network of professionals working on social inclusion will be created, as a base to exchange of good practice and further collaboration.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> National Workshop

- ▶ **Date:** 14 March 2014
- ▶ **Place:** Sofia, Bulgaria
- ▶ **Duration:** 4 hours
- ▶ **Number of participants:** 8 people
- ▶ **Profile of participants:**
  - ▶ language centres,
  - ▶ Participants from Vilnius kolegija/ College of Applied Arts
  - ▶ Lithuanian University of Educational sciences
  - ▶ College of economics
  - ▶ LdaV internship trainee( ES)
- ▶ **Expert involved:**

O.Medvedeva presented two ELL awarded projects Open to Every Citizen (2003) and FEEL (2006) which were initiated the Tertiary sector (Vilnius University and Vytautas Magnus University).





# Reflections

1. Although the projects were implemented by university staff, their objectives were oriented to a much broader group of users, the general public.
2. Most university and college teachers opt for working in international project teams to create innovative learning materials rather than create something for a less defined group of users.
3. Involving and addressing a much wider group of users and stakeholders allows to deal with the needs and priorities of the whole society.
4. Importance of follow-up and sustainability