European Label, new technologies and learning/teaching of italian L2: the projects of the FAST Center of the University for Foreigners of Siena

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Benefits of using the web in language teaching

- Elimination of spatio-temporal constraints
- Reduction of physical classroom-presence obligations
- Improvement of skills and abilities
- Strong potential for interraction
- Development of multirelational virtual learning environments

Oggetto della comunicazione

The experience of the FAST Centre of the University for Foreigners of Siena in the implementation of courses for Italian L2 on-line and in blended form for the following projects



Lingua e cittadinanza



E-learning language courses: the FAST Center proposal



Learning Environments



Stucture of the course Aula web-Italiano Bancario



Italian online for adult immigrants

- Language and Citizenship. Project Skill levels: A1-B1
- Teaching Method: blended learning with a strong predominance of teaching in the presence for levels A
- Goals: development of linguistic and communicative skills, computer literacy, integration and social advancement of adult immigrants
- Structure of the online section: 14 units of work to be carried out through self-learning mainly focused on Business and Public Domains
- Synchronous events for the development of productive oral skills

Teacher training: the ILLIRIA Project

Beneficiaries

 Teachers who teach Italian as a first foreign language in the Albanian school system

Goals

- Developing essential and certifiable skills, sustainable over time
 DITALS Certification
- Improvement of the quality of teaching Expansion of the public of Albanian students of Italian

Actions

- Training seminars in presence
- Online training modules and workshops
- Establishment of acdemic centres on albanian territory

Conclusions

- Network technologies can play a key role in the development, not only of learning / teaching, but also in the training of Italian L2
- It is important to take advantage of the added value of online education, specifically in terms of the development of interaction between the members of the learning community
- The training carried out by the FAST Centre, that emphasises the interactive aspect of learning, was characterised by a low number of dropouts, the satisfaction of the participants and,in general, satisfactory results in regards to the learning, as well as receiving the Euopean Language Label