



NELLIP

Network of Language Label Projects and Initiatives





The Funding Programme



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The Context: The European Language Label

- The European Language Label (ELL) is awarded to the most innovative language learning initiatives.
- The ELL is awarded on the basis of quality criteria and priorities



 The application of the awarding criteria to the development of language learning projects can improve their quality

http://ec.europa.eu/languages/european-language-label/index_en.htm



The NELLIP network has 4 main objectives:

-Reviewing and **assessing the impact** of the ELL on the awarded projects

-Networking of language learning initiatives having received the ELL

-Implementation of a **methodology for the planning** of language learning initiatives based on the quality criteria adopted by the ELL



- Case Studies on ELL initiatives
- Network of Language Learning Providers
- Reports on the implementation of the ELL
- Guidelines on language projects development





Results Achieved

1) Identification of Case Studies and Best Practices



Among the labelled projects, 180 Case studies were identified in 18 European Countries.

Case studies were selected through the matching of :

- criteria to award the ELL
- EU political priorities in the field of languages



NELLIP Case studies are therefore consistent with

- European criteria to award the ELL
 - Consistency with the needs of end users
 - Added value in terms of quality and quantity
 - Fostering students motivation
 - Innovation and creativity
 - European dimension
 - Transferability



Case studies are also consistent with

Political priorities in the field of languages

- 1) The enhancement of **quality** of language learning.
- 2) New approaches to language teaching and learning, TELL
- 3) Language learning for specific purposes, VOLL
- 4) Promotion of **mobility**
- 5) Teachers training
- 6) Promotion of multilingualism
- 7) Promotion of less widely spoken languages



Case studies: developed through a direct contact with the promoter and with the National Agency (NA)

Every case study is organized as follows:

- 1) Context, Objectives, Approaches and Results
- 2) Motivations to apply for the ELL
- 3) Impact of the ELL
- 4) Recommendations for future applicants

5) Consistency with European policies (Nellip Team)6) Consistency with ELL priorities (NAs)

Link to Case Studies



Identification of Best Practice

The NAs selected a total of 4 best practices in each country.

Best practices refer to the 4 main target areas:

- School Education
- Higher Education
- Adult Education
- Vocational Education and Training

The selected initiatives are **benchmarks** to refer to in the planning of quality language learning projects that may successfully apply for the European Language Label.

Link to Best Practices





Results Achieved

2) Networking



The Network, members

NELLIP is a <u>network</u> of **60 quality language learning providers** based in **Europe and beyond**

(in progress).





- Participation in national workshops and international Events on quality in language learning.
- Possibility to identify quality partnership for language projects among the network members
- Exchange know-how and experience on quality issues in language learning and in participation in the European Language Label
- Contribute to the defining of quality criteria in language learning.





Results Achieved

3) Transnational Report to assess the impact of the ELL



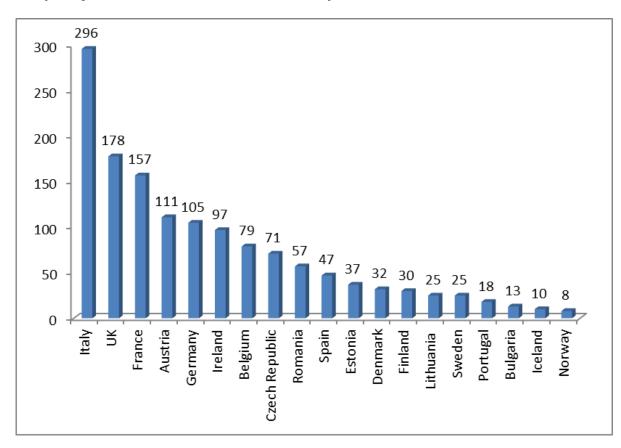
Approach

Top-Down: Active involvement of the National Agencies

Bottom-Up: Active involvement of the promoters of awarded projects



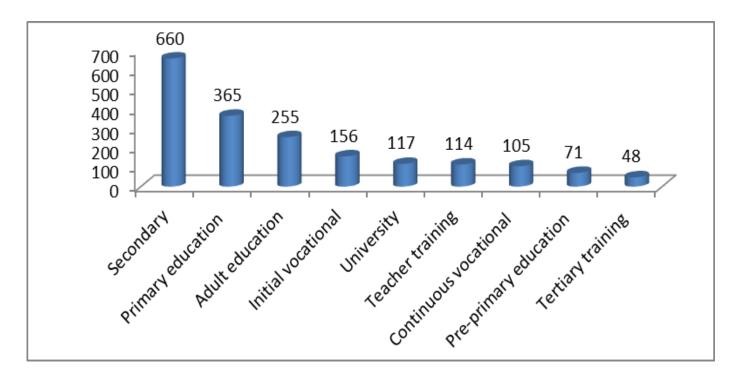
Number of projects awarded in the period 1999 - 2011





Statistical Data in 19 countries

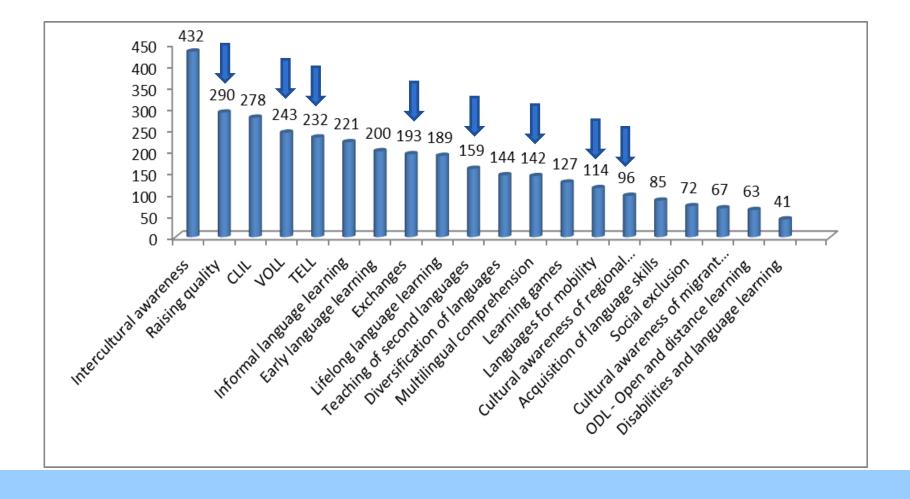
Sectors





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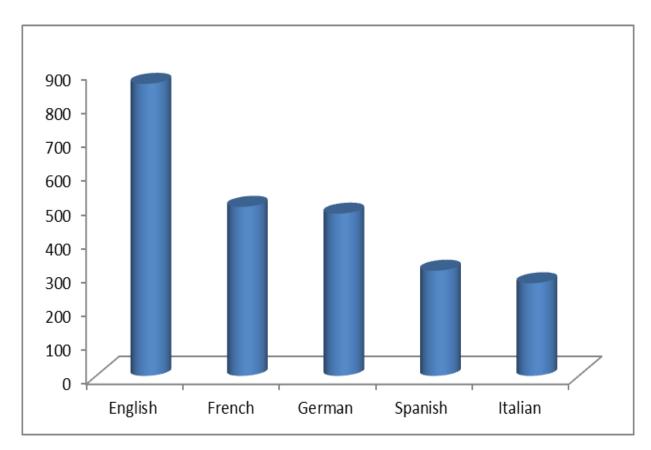
Subject area of awarded projects and current political priorities





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Target Languages





Motivations of project promoters

official and European recognition of the project's quality

- greater visibility to the project / promoting institution
- increase motivation of the staff involved

disseminate information about the project

- guarantee a better sustainability of the project
- share a good practice
- identify further funding to continue the activity
- create transnational partnerships
- create synergies with other projects

Data collected during the interviews to 180 promoters of projects awarded with the EEL

Why applying for the ELL?



by awarded project promoters

Quality issues to be taken into account in the project development:

- direct involvement of the target group
- take into account what exists already and concentrate on innovative aspects
- take into account criteria used to award the Label in the project planning
- clear description of the product or method for the benefit of the end users.
- test the deliverables produced and implement corrective actions
- Involve organizations to support the project's sustainability.





Thank you for the Attention

Questions?

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