

NELLIP WORKSHOP, AUSTRIA, 11th April 2014 at the Council of Europe's European Centre for Modern Languages Graz

PLANNING AND MANAGING LANGUAGE EDUCATION PROJECTS IN THE AUSTRIAN CONTEXT

Report

1. This was the first and only workshop on Nellip was held in Austria for reasons explained in the annex to the report on the UK workshop held on 21st March 2014. EAQUALS is a member of the European Centre for Modern Language's (ECML's) Professional Network Group, and was extremely grateful that these prestigious premises were made available. The ECML Association also took care of the publicity around the workshop, together with the national contact for the ELL, OESZ, which is also based in Graz. We are especially grateful to Ursula Newby and Stefanie Oetl of the ECML Association.
2. Of the 20 registered participants five cancelled at the last minute. Thus, total attendance was 15 people plus the workshop leader. Among the participants was a representative of OESZ, the national agency for the ELL, as well as a representative of OEAD, the national agency for Erasmus Plus in Vienna. Both gave useful and informative presentations in German about the ELL scheme and the lively Austrian network for school-based project. There was also a representative from the Netherlands among the participants. It is not clear how she heard about the event, but she participated well in spite of not speaking any German. While most participants represented mainstream schools, two were from the university sector and one represented an NGO. Three of the participants had been involved in significant EU projects, including one that had been awarded the ELL.

AIMS: to enable participants to

- Reflect on and share experience about what constitutes a successful, high quality language project
- Discuss examples of projects that have already been successfully completed
- Identify and reflect on the criteria that make a high quality language project
- Work with others to plan a future project that is relevant to their students and context
- Learn about the European Language Label scheme, the application process and the criteria used to select projects for an award, and about the SPIN database