Report

This was the first and only workshop on NELLIP held in Hungary, a country not previously covered by the work of the NELLIP Project partners. This location was chosen because of a positive response from the national agency and the lack of feasibility of more than one workshop in the UK, or any in Germany (the other country on which EAQUALS worked: both these countries have at least temporarily dropped implementation of the European Language Label Scheme). EAQUALS has its Secretariat in Budapest, and thanks to them it was possible to make contact with the national agency, and to identify a suitable venue at a reasonable price. I am grateful to Anna Andor, EAQUALS Service Manager, and her assistant, Vivi Koszegi, for their assistance.

Of the 20 registered participants eight cancelled or did not turn up. However, two others that were not registered also attended. Total attendance was thus 13 people plus the workshop leader. Among the participants were two representatives of the Tempus Public Foundation, the national agency for Erasmus Plus and for the ELL. One of them, Eszter Kovács, the named representative for the ELL, gave a useful and informative presentation in English about the ELL scheme and the way it works in the Hungarian context. The participants represented a range of language education institutions, including the British Council, schools and universities. One was a former civil servant from the Ministry of Education and another the Chair of IATEFL Hungary. Two of the participants had been involved in significant EU projects, including one that had been awarded the ELL.

Aims of the workshop: to enable participants to
a. Reflect on and share experience about what constitutes a successful, high quality language project
b. Discuss examples of projects that have already been successfully completed
c. Work with others to plan a future project that is relevant to their students and context
d. Learn about the European Language Label scheme, the application process and the criteria used to select projects for an award.