

NELLIP WORKSHOP, LONDON 21st March 2014 at the UK Secretariat of the EU Commission Europe House, 32 Smith Square, London

Conclusions

Conclusions: the workshop was successful in that it enabled those present to focus intensively on practical and quality issues in projects of various different kinds that they were involved in. Participants were gently introduced to elements of the Nellip Guidelines in spite of the unpromising outlook for the ELL in the UK.

The key points arising from the workshop related to the interests of participants. Thus considerable time was spent on enabling each participant to give an account of their working situation and the 'projects' they are or have been involved in. Two of them were more concerned with the training of language teachers and language teachers' opportunities and ability to carry out projects in state schools in England in the face of the often uncondusive attitude and assessment-driven approach adopted by school management.

Two other participants were scientists but working part-time in language education in project-friendly environments. One was organising two-hour science slots for Portuguese speaking pupils in state schools, and the other was concerned with language and other work in a German medium Saturday school. The fifth was a university researcher who had been and remains involved in a long term co-operative project, the [Digital Kitchen](#) project, which has now been extended to other languages in addition to French. It involves strong collaboration between the computer science and languages department at Newcastle University.

Given this situation, no work was done on potential new projects, especially due to the uncertain future of the ELL in the UK. However, the quality criteria detailed in the presentation slides were discussed and reference was made to the Nellip guidelines. The British Academy scheme aroused quite a lot of interest, as did the account of the ELL-award winning Digital Kitchen project (Newcastle University). Due to the timing of the workshop, no link up was possible with the parallel event in Finland, which finished as the London one began.