

## Workshop

### ***Quality in Language Learning and the European Language Label*** (Minutes)

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2013, 9:00 a.m-1:00 p.m.

Venue: 133 Serban Voda Avenue, Sector 4, Bucharest, Romania.

#### **I. Participants:**

Liliana Dellevoet, Irina David, Adina Panait, Lucia Grosu (organizers)

Monica Calota (host and Director of ANPCDEFP – the National Agency in charge of the management of the European Language Label in Romania)

Workshop attendees (see enclosed list of attendance)

#### **II. Introductory steps:**

- Official welcome address from Monica Calota, director of ANPCDEFP
- Introduction of the workshop's themes and main objectives – presented by Liliana Dellevoet, *PROSPER-ASE Language Centre*
- Attendees described their fields of expertise and expectations from the workshop.

#### **III. Skype connection with the Italian partners**

- ***European Language Label-14 years of experience and future perspectives-*** presented by Manola Peschieri, *Policy Officer and Coordinator of ELL at the European Commission, Directorate General for Education and Culture*

#### **IV. NELLIP Project Presentation**

1. ***ELL-Standards and Priorities for 2013-2014 and the NELLIP Objectives*** – presented by Lucia Grosu, *PROSPER-ASE Language Centre*.
2. ***The NELLIP Platform*** – presented by Irina David, *PROSPER-ASE Language Centre*.
3. ***NELLIP Guidelines*** – presented by Liliana Dellevoet, *PROSPER-ASE Language Centre*

## V. Thematic Group Work

### (a) Group 1: Quality in Language Teaching and Learning – moderator Irina David

Participants:

Cojocaru Alice Monica Oana, British Council Bucharest,  
Lazar Catrinela Andreea, “Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University, Bucharest,  
Pegulescu Anca, Ministry of Education, Bucharest,  
Popescu Madalina Liliana, “Ioan Petrus” College, Otopeni,  
Prepelita-Raileanu Brandusa, University Politehnica of Bucharest,  
Tincu Ionela, Tatarani School, Dambovita.

Discussion topics: Identification of a shared definition of quality in language teaching and learning. Discussion of strategies and solutions to improve quality in language teaching. Examples of good practice.

Case Study discussed:

- The main topic of the discussion was related to quality guidelines in the field of foreign languages and projects designed at improving the participants’ communication skills
- The chosen project was “My Unispace”, presented on the NELLIP platform
- The participants analysed ways in which similar projects could be implemented in Romania and they identified the project’s strengths and areas for improvement
- Since the aspect to improve, as identified by the British National Agency, was the insufficient illustration of how the project helped participants improve their communication skills in foreign languages, the members of the workshop made suggestions in this respect (i.e. asking students to complete questionnaires; comparing samples of their online correspondence at various stages of the project)

### (b) Group 2: Innovation in Teaching and Learning – moderator Lucia Grosu

Participants:

Bolojan Georgeta, CCD- EU Project Advisor, Bucharest,  
Florea Denisa, *Cervantes* Institute Bucharest,  
Voicila Elena, “Grigore Moisil” National College Urziceni, Ialomița,  
Popovici Ruxandra, British Council Bucharest,  
Plesea Maria Monalisa, National College “Mihai Eminescu” Buzau,  
Adina Panait, *PROSPER-ASE Language Centre*.

Discussion topics: Defining innovation. Innovative approaches in language teaching. Examples of effective innovative solutions and good practice.

Case Study discussed:

- The group work focused on innovation in line with the ELL priority – Foreign languages and sport
- The chosen project was suggested by a participant (Bolojan Georgeta) – a Comenius Regio project proposal which did not receive funding
- The group discussed the possible reasons why the proposal was unsuccessful (a clearer definition of the target group, a re-evaluation of the project aims so as to make a link between sport and language learning)
- Formulating suggestions for the improvement of the project plan taking into account Olympic values (i.e. fairplay, surpassing limits) along universal values (such as excellence for everyone, interculturality, etc.)

**(c) Group 3: Networking among Language Learning Experts – moderator Liliana Dellevoet**

Participants

Cismaş Suzana Carmen, Polytechnic University of Bucharest

Coman Angelica, Secondary school Ioan Bădescu Popeşti Leordeni

Cotoară Angela, President of the Professional Foundation, Targu Mures, member of QUEST Romania

Constantin Andreea Raluca, Romanian-American University

Pricope Mihaela, Polytechnic University of Bucharest

Stoica Diana Silvana, Polytechnic University of Bucharest

Discussion topics: Why networking, expectations and potential benefits. Examples of successful networks and good practice. The importance of networking according to the NELLIP Guidelines.

Case Study discussed: *The EuroIntegrELPproject, 2005-2007, project promoter PROSPER-ASE Language Centre*

Ms Angela Cotoară presented the “Cinco” project ([www.projectocinco.eu](http://www.projectocinco.eu))

and the challenge of extending its network after the project end.

The participants brainstormed ideas for creating a wider network and promoting the project products to a greater number of stakeholders.

## **VI. Conclusions**

- The moderators presented a short overview of the thematic groups
- The attendees assessed the overall activities of the workshop and filled in evaluation questionnaires
- Participants exchanged opinions and some of them joined the Facebook NELLIP group