



# **NATIONAL WORKSHOPS**

organized in the framework of the project  
“NELLIP – Network of European Language Labelled Initiatives and Projects”

## **BULGARIA**

## General Information

- **Organised workshops: 3**
- **Dates:**
  - 14 February 2014
  - 11 March 2014
  - 11 April 2014
- **Total number of participants: 41**
- **Educational sectors covered: All**
  - Most represented sector – adult education
  - Less represented sector – university education
- **Improvement plans produced: 6**
- **Online transnational meetings held: 3 (ES, RO, SE)**

# Programme

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

- ▶ Presentation of the NELLIP project, performed activities and achieved results
- ▶ Presentation of the European Language Label award – opportunities and benefits
- ▶ Presentation of the NELLIP Guidelines – a guided tour via the project portal

## **DISCUSSIONS:**

- ▶ Shared definitions of quality in language teaching and learning
- ▶ Criteria and strategies for improving quality
- ▶ Comparison of examples of good practices

## **GROUP WORK:**

- ▶ Group work on a selected language learning initiative and strategies for improving its quality
- ▶ Production of an Improvement Plan for the selected initiative
- ▶ Interactive transnational meeting for exchanging ideas on the issues discussed

## **EVALUATION:**

- ▶ Evaluation of the workshop
- ▶ Evaluation of the NELLIP portal



# 1<sup>st</sup> National Workshop (1)

- ▶ **Date:** 14 February 2014
- ▶ **Place:** Sofia, Bulgaria
- ▶ **Duration:** 4 hours
- ▶ **Number of participants:** 10 people
- ▶ **Profile of participants:** VET and Adult Education
- ▶ **Materials used:**
  - ▶ PPT presentations
  - ▶ Project website
  - ▶ Worksheets for group discussions
  - ▶ Case studies in Bulgarian
  - ▶ Improvement Plans
  - ▶ Evaluation forms
  - ▶ Recognition materials – folders, pens, block-notes, posters, leaflets, invitations, etc.

## 1<sup>st</sup> National Workshop (2)

### ► **Improvement Plans:**

- *1<sup>st</sup> group* undertook the improvement of an existing initiative
- *2<sup>nd</sup> group* developed an idea for a new initiative

### ► **Conclusions:**

- **Exchanged ideas and good practices** for language learning and promotion
- Most useful aspects were the **Guidelines and models for quality management**, dissemination and exploitation activities and networking
- Discussion on quality issues related to the link “**service-client-quality**”
- **Time** for the workshop is not enough
- **Practical sessions** were outlined as the strongest point of the workshop
- **Online meeting** gave the opportunity to exchange ideas
- Posting **comments on Facebook** and commenting on Case Studies on the project website during the workshop itself did not work
- Participants need **time to get familiar with the case studies** and then post their comments



# 1<sup>st</sup> National Workshop (3)

## ▶ **Workshop evaluation:**

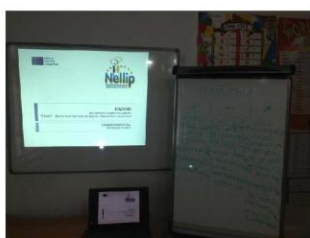
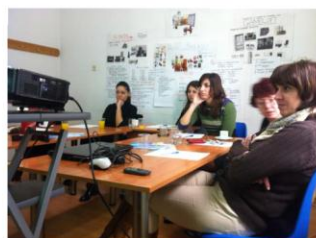
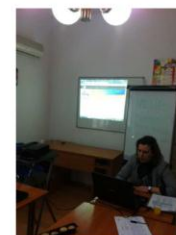
- ▶ Average score – **9,1 out of 10 points**
- ▶ Practical activities were most useful
- ▶ Useful, detailed, concrete information
- ▶ The content was very well structured
- ▶ The practical session helped perceive the theory
- ▶ Useful for future work with EU projects
- ▶ Extremely professional presentations which will be useful in the future
- ▶ Not enough time for so much information

## ▶ **NELLIP portal evaluation:**

- ▶ ***Most useful sources*** – Guidelines, National Report, Case studies, Transnational Report
- ▶ ***Strengths of NELLIP*** – information on language learning initiatives; Guidelines; Information on quality assurance and project management; Overview of the ELL
- ▶ ***Weaknesses of NELLIP*** – The case studies are not accessible to people who don't speak English
- ▶ ***Final comments*** – Continue updating the database

# 1<sup>st</sup> National Workshop (4)

**BULGARIAN NATIONAL WORKSHOP - 14 FEBRUARY 2014**



## 2<sup>nd</sup> National Workshop (1)

- ▶ **Date:** 11 March 2014
- ▶ **Place:** Sofia, Bulgaria
- ▶ **Duration:** 6 hours
- ▶ **Number of participants:** 22 people
- ▶ **Profile of participants:** Primary and Secondary Education, VET, Adult Education, University Education, Policy-makers, Governmental Institutions (Ministry of Education and Science; Ministry of Culture)
- ▶ **Materials used:**
  - ▶ PPT presentations
  - ▶ Project website
  - ▶ Worksheets for group discussions
  - ▶ Case studies in Bulgarian
  - ▶ Improvement Plans
  - ▶ Evaluation forms
  - ▶ Recognition materials – folders, pens, block-notes, posters, leaflets, invitations, etc.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> National Workshop (2)

### ► **Improvement Plans:**

- *1<sup>st</sup> group* undertook the improvement of an existing initiative
- *2<sup>nd</sup> group* developed a strategy for submitting a completed project for the ELL award
- *3<sup>rd</sup> group* developed an idea for a new initiative

### ► **Conclusions:**

- The ELL award is still **not that popular in Bulgaria**
- Brainstorming session on **tools for management and quality assurance** was very useful
- **Guidelines are useful**, practical and applicable for the development of high quality language projects and initiatives
- Possible **collaboration opportunities** mainly related to ICT
- What **methods for language learning** are currently available on the market
- Improvised presentation of an **online learning tool** for the blind

## 2<sup>nd</sup> National Workshop (3)

### ▶ **Workshop evaluation:**

- ▶ Average score – **9,5 out of 10 points**
- ▶ Exchange of experience on language projects related to ICT
- ▶ Information gained on NELLIP and ELL
- ▶ Participants from various organisations
- ▶ Presentation of language learning initiatives
- ▶ Good practices awarded with ELL
- ▶ Cooperation opportunities

### ▶ **NELLIP portal evaluation:**

- ▶ ***Most useful sources*** – Guidelines; The entire project portal; The workshops; Database; Case studies; Best practices; Opportunity for creation of new partnerships; Transnational Report and Guidelines – give systematic information in a compact way
- ▶ ***Strengths of NELLIP*** – Spreading information about the ELL; Exchange of ideas; Sharing good practices; Useful comparative analysis; Practices at European and national level; Opportunities for promotion of languages in Europe; Recommendations and criteria for quality management and assurance; Excellent Guidelines; The information is structured and easy to use
- ▶ ***Weaknesses of NELLIP*** - Comparison of countries with too different characteristics; Weak involvement of the NA in Bulgaria; Website could be more attractive (in terms of design)
- ▶ ***Final comments*** – Continue the project through a Strategic Partnership; Cover more countries; Continuous update of the database of awarded project covering also the years after 2012

# 2<sup>nd</sup> National Workshop (4)

**BULGARIAN NATIONAL WORKSHOP - 11 MARCH 2014**





## 3<sup>rd</sup> National Workshop (1)

- ▶ **Date:** 11 April 2014
- ▶ **Place:** Sofia, Bulgaria
- ▶ **Duration:** 6 hours
- ▶ **Number of participants:** 9 people
- ▶ **Profile of participants:** School Education, VET, Adult Education,
- ▶ **Materials used:**
  - ▶ PPT presentations
  - ▶ Project website
  - ▶ Worksheets for group discussions
  - ▶ Case studies in Bulgarian
  - ▶ Improvement Plans
  - ▶ Evaluation forms
  - ▶ Recognition materials – folders, pens, block-notes, posters, leaflets, invitations, etc.



## 3<sup>rd</sup> National Workshop (2)

### ► **Improvement Plans:**

- *All participants* undertook the improvement of an existing initiative

### ► **Conclusions:**

- Consistent **information on quality assurance** of language projects
- Brainstorming session on sections from the new **Erasmus+ application form**
- Discussion on **risk management** in language projects
- **Guidelines** are practical tool for planning a language learning initiative
- **Recommendations** for future applicants for the ELL

## 3<sup>rd</sup> National Workshop (3)

### ▶ **Workshop evaluation:**

- ▶ Average score – **9,4 out of 10 points**
- ▶ Exchange of experience
- ▶ Information about the ELL
- ▶ Useful information on quality management
- ▶ Practical sessions on current application forms
- ▶ Improvement plan discussions
- ▶ Recommendations for applying for ELL

### ▶ **NELLIP portal evaluation:**

- ▶ ***Most useful sources*** – Guidelines; National Report; Case Studies
- ▶ ***Strengths of NELLIP*** – Systematic information on ELL; Useful tools for quality assurance and project management; Case studies; Transnational Report
- ▶ ***Weaknesses of NELLIP*** – Some selected projects in the database lack sufficient information; Guidelines are useful but too long in volume; Difference between the separate Guidelines is confusing

# 3<sup>rd</sup> National Workshop (4)

## BULGARIAN NATIONAL WORKSHOP - 11 APRIL 2014

