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TOOLS has set the course towards cooperation and sharing of results

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If you are part of a language project (or have already completed one) then please get on board and start clustering your results with other language teaching projects. Through cooperation we can reach out to our end users and thus cause a significant impact. By sharing information and results we avoid reinventing the wheel.

TOOLS (Tools for CLIL Language Teachers) is an EC co-funded project developing a free online tool to support CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning), but the partnership also seeks to cluster with other language projects.

Let the tools & pools website serve as a link to your results. From the website you also have access to copyleft language teaching tools, videos, materials, and methods manuals that you may use and even include in your own projects.

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Objectives: The TOOLS project proposes to develop a free online service / tool, which will enable language teachers from vocational colleges, universities, and adult learning institutions to create multimedia rich webpages for language learning with all words automatically linked to online dictionaries in more than a hundred languages.

The project aims at developing an online tool, which will be so easy to use that any teacher who can use e.g. Facebook will be able to create online language learning resources on the fly.

The advantage of a fully online tool is that it will work from all existing and future operating systems (not just Microsoft), it will also enable creation of language learning multimedia webpages from and to mobile devices like tablets (e.g. iPads).

Users will have the option of making the resulting webpages immediately available online for free using the system we will develop (or other systems such as dropbox.com), or else of downloading them for upload to their own website.

The resulting webpages will support all characters (UTF8) so it may be used for languages like Greek, Lithuanian, and Arabic.

The project teams will demonstrate the system strengths and make exemplary online language learning materials for Arabic, Danish, Gaelic (Irish), Gaelic (Scottish), Lithuanian, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Needs documentation: CLIL and LWUTL teachers depend on developing own resources (EURYDICE 2005 report *Key Data on Teaching Languages at School in Europe*) and as is concluded in the ICC report *The Impact of New Information Technologies and Internet on the Teaching of Foreign Languages..*: "There will be a shift from passive consumption of ready-made programmes to independent building of content, tailor made for specifics groups or individuals".

Dissemination: The project outcomes will be disseminated through EuroCall as well as at conferences. The project website builds on an existing website with 50,000+ documented individual visitors per year: www.languages.dk.

During the project funded period (30 months - starting January 2012) the partners will compile eight newsletters, participate in four conferences (EfVET and Eurocall), and deliver a sequence of pilot courses.

The exploitation will during the project period target 560 language teacher students and teachers (and thus ultimately language learners). Free online courses will continue to take place after the project period through e.g. *Webheads* and associated project partners. A likely minimum target impact: +2000 language teachers.

The project results will enable a wider use of CLIL across Europe

You too are very welcome to offer teacher courses based on the free materials developed by TOOLS.

More information: The community of registered users and members is growing as a grass root network. You too can become a member or register for the newsletters from the project website: www.languages.dk or Facebook facebook.com/tools4clil