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Screen shots
from the
five final
project
DVDs

Languages:

Dansk
Deutsch
English
Español
Euskera
Gàidhlig
Nederlands
Română

The project finished its EU supported period on October 31st 2004, but is now continued as a grass root project - Your input is welcome



Conference participants learning Romanian the Dracula way



Conference participants learning Gaelic colours - even blindfolded.



Conference bags being filled with T-shirts and some of the project outcomes, e.g. the five project DVDs, CD-ROM, manuals, papers and other materials



A view from one of the concurrent workshops during the conference

The last official feat of the BP-BLTM project was a networking conference which took place in Odense, Denmark in the period October 15th to 17th with participants from 14 different countries.

The conference was organized by the BP-BLTM teams in cooperation with language teaching friends for all over Europe and beyond. Two members from EuroCall in particular made this conference a success; Lis Ramberg Beyer and Peppi Taalas, we cannot thank them enough for their support and great spirit.

With the support of the two EuroCall members we managed to put together a conference programme which exceeded our expectations. Together with our own five workshops we had wonderful presentations from all over Europe and USA.

It is of course too late to experience the conference as such, but many of the presentation handouts, abstracts and PowerPoint presentations can be downloaded from the project homepage:

www.languages.dk/methods

The project official period may well be over, but the work will be continued as a grass root project, we'll appreciate your help in doing so. If you are willing to share materials you have produced with friends from all over the world, then please e-mail ka@ots.dk The project Newsletter will also be continued on a biannual basis.



Latest News: The BP-BLTM Leonardo II project achieved the planned objectives and completed all the proposed products in the two year project lifespan.

A new Leonardo II project titled Pools has now been proposed, the pre-proposal has been approved and a full proposal is now being prepared



Let's reach out and start networking our projects and project results.



Networking was already started during the BP-BLTM Project



Sharing experiences and knowledge was a major part of the BP-BLTM final conference in Odense



Please join our efforts

A new Leonardo II project proposal from the Best Practice - Best Language Learning Methods teams (now extended with two more partner countries)

The two year project (2005+2006) is built on the documented needs that were the base of the BP-BLTM project, e.g. „The European Language Learning Materials Survey“. This was in 2002 followed up in a report to the EU Commission „The Training of Teachers of a Foreign Language: Developments in Europe“ (Revised Report, August 2002) which in its recommendations p. 75 states that „All teachers should be trained in the use of ICT approaches for interactive use with pupils in the classroom“ and p. 79 „More efforts needs to be made to make initial teacher training modules and in-service course content available online and in other distance learning forms“.

It is the aim of the Pools project to address the above documented needs by creating pools of online copyleft resources (Copyleft is a way to license a work so that unrestricted redistribution, copying and modification is permitted, provided that all copies and derivatives retain the exact same licensing) and to develop, test and disseminate in-service teacher training course modules. The course modules, which will also be „copyleft“, will deal with ICT approaches and development of ICT based materials for teachers of less taught languages like Basque, Danish, Dutch, Gaelic, Irish, Lithuanian, and Romanian. The project will not start from scratch, but will build on previous project results and seek to cluster with ongoing LA projects to ensure exchange

of knowledge and broader impacts.

The project target group is teachers of the less taught languages in technical colleges. Due to the limited range of ICT materials for these languages the teachers often have to develop materials themselves if they want to exploit the many advantages of eLearning.

The final products will be:

1. Pools of online copyleft materials to be used during in-service teacher training courses and in teaching.
2. In-service language teacher course modules on ICT methodologies and development of ICT based teaching resources
3. A DVD with step by step instructions and examples on how to create multimedia online material.
4. A course manual with description of language teaching eLearning materials and methodologies
5. A website with all of the above materials, videos, discussion areas and e-mail lists.

The project website will be www.languages.dk/methods a website which already has +13.000 individual visitors per year (and when searching for „language learning materials“ the site is among the first in Yahoo and Google). The European Forum of Technical and Vocational Education and Training will as a partner ensure dissemination to decision makers in hundreds of vocational institutions across Europe.