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VIR_TEACH

A Virtual Solution for a comprehensive and coordinated training for Foreign Language Teachers in Europe
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This newsletter covers the overview of project VIR_TEACH A Virtual Solution for a comprehensive and coordinated training for Foreign Language Teachers in Europe activities for the period June-December 2019. For more informations please visit our website www.virteachproject.eu

PROJECT PROGRESS

You can check our first Consultation Preliminary Results Report!

A VIR_TEACH online survey was designed to detect current weak aspects of foreign language teacher training and to implement positive measures for the advancement of teacher education in Europe. In particular, this survey sought to: collect comparative data, build consensus during the project, fix potential issues, improve methodological approaches, materials and resources, prioritise intellectual outputs, contents and events' main topics. The VIRTEACH Survey was launched in November 2019 and it was open for 3 weeks. It reached a total of 508 participants from different gender, ages, countries of residence and profiles, which ensured the heterogeneity of the sample. Responses were given by the main stakeholders of the project.

You can check the results of the survey on our project website: www.virteachproject.eu.



VIR_TEACH PROJECT MEETING IN HASSELT

The 3rd transnational meeting was held in Hasselt (Belgium) on the 5th and 6th of December 2019. The main aim of the meeting was to summarize activities carried out by the consortium so far and to plan the next steps and activities of the project. We thank our partners from UCLL for a warm welcoming and all the partners for a very fruitful work.



NEWS FROM PARTNERS

Project VIR_TEACH presented at the University of Constanta

Ph. D Onorina Botezat from Dimitrie Cantemir Christian University presented the paper Using Instagram in Teaching Legal English Vocabulary at the 2nd edition of the International Conference Innovative Trends in Teaching Language for Specific Purposes in the Context of the Current Social Instability – INNO-LSP organized by the Department of Modern Languages for Specific Purposes within the Faculty of Letters, Ovidius University of Constanta, Romania (19th-20th September 2019). The aim of the presentation was twofold, firstly, to examine the use of Instagram in teaching Legal English and secondly, to disseminate the Erasmus+ funded project VIR_TEACH. University for organization very successful and interesting meeting.

Project VIR_TEACH part of global e-learning network

Our partners from Collegium Balticum Alina Doroch and Beata Mintus participated and presented the VIR_TEACH project at the **International Conference Lector High-Tech Applications of E-Learning and New Technologies in Foreign Language Teaching** organized by Łódź University of Technology in 13th-14th September 2019. The event was oriented to foreign language teachers and teacher trainers.

The main purpose of the conference was to present and exchange good practices in the area of applying e-learning and recent technologies in foreign language teaching, with consideration of five language skills (CEFR skills). Conference participants could find answer on following questions:

- How to use new technologies effectively in language teaching?
- How to use e-learning effectively?
- Why is it worth using new technologies in language teaching?
- How do new technologies influence the process of acquiring and retaining knowledge and skills?

Alina Doroch presented the VIR_TEACH project as an innovative way to use e-learning and virtual space to teach and learn foreign languages.



Project VIR_TEACH dissaminated within conference organized by Romanina National Agency of Erasmus+ programme.

Professor Ph.D Ramona Mihaila from Dimitrie Cantemir Christian University attended the National Agency's Conference, **Erasmus+ in Higher Education: a step beyond the mobility** in Cluj-Napoca (10th-11th October 2019) sharing best practices and presenting VIR_TEACH project for academic staff from Romania and other institutions which are implementing projects within Erasmus+ programme.



VIR_TEACH was presented at the Kore University of Enna (Italy)

The Spanish team of the VIR_TEACH project from University of Burgos, Ph. D Alba Fernández Alonso and Ph.D Concetta Maria Sigona promoted our international initiative in Italy in December 2019.

During the project presentation 150 students of the Master's Degree in Primary Education had the opportunity to know the objectives, activities and methodology of the VIR_TEACH project.





Ph.D Onorina Botezat from Dimitrie Cantemir Christian University presented the project at the **Social Dimension of Erasmus+ Conference** in Brussels (14th-15th October 2019).

During a one-hour interactive workshop, dedicated to virtual teaching, she discussed with a large group of young students the advantages and disadvantages of e-learning, their memories about their foreign language teachers and learned how nowadays students use social media channels for professional purposes. It was great opportunity to share ideas of VIR_TEACH project with one of our main project's target group

VIR_TEACH project presented at International Conference ReCLes.pt (3rd-4th October 2019)

Ana Cunha from Lusófona University attended at the international conference **ReCLes.pt: Approaches to Teaching and Learning Languages for Specific Purposes** organized by University of Algarve (Portugal). The main aim of the event was promote state of the art language teaching and learning, as well as research in Higher Education in and for a multilingual Europe and world.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The University of Burgos and the VIR_TEACH consortium invite all concerned at the **11th International Conference on European Transnational Education, ICEUTE2020**- The Role of English in Transnational Education and Teacher Training which will take place in Burgos between 24th-26th June 2020. Papers are welcome in relation to the following topics:

- Case studies of the use of English in transnational education.
- The role of English in teacher and student mobility.
- English and new technologies for transnational education.
- Coherent and convergent policy design for English language teacher training.

For more info, please visit the website: www.2020.iceuteconference.eu



International Workshop in VIR-TEACH project

On 27th-28th April, the VIRTeach consortium will organize an International Workshop for professors, teachers and students in language education. The two-day workshop will take place in Leuven, one of Belgium's largest student cities. The international event will be an opportunity to share the results from the project's first output, the Toolkit, with a broad target group. Project partners will share their expertise in various sessions on foreign language teaching, offering learning materials, methodologies and best practices.



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