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The ECLIPSE project

The ECLIPSE project is a 2,5 year long Comenius multilateral project which started in October 2011 and is now completed.

The project has entered the last stage of developing innovative teaching and testing material for increasing pupil understanding of European Citizenship. The material is now ready.

The ECLIPSE team is very happy about the successful, friendly and collaborative work performed during the two and a half years of the project!



Meeting Bucharest, January 2014

6th Consortium Meeting in Bucharest, Romania

The project consortium met in January 2014 for the sixth time in order to set the last exciting steps of the project work. At the same time the consortium organized a teacher training course for all interested teachers from each partner country in the project.

This meeting represented the last milestone within the project, as the consortium came together to decide the final publication of the project. The teaching/learning material (the 7 ECMs), and the testing/monitoring material (the Knowledge Test, the Questionnaire of Beliefs, the Pupils' portfolio and the Teachers' portfolio) have been revised during the Bucharest meeting with the contribution of the different partners and teachers.

At the end of February the schools' best practices were shared within the Forum and the selected ones will be uploaded on the website. The project consortium created a new section on the ECLIPSE website which enables the downloading of the ECLIPSE testing materials.



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Teacher Training, Trento (October 2013)



In Trento, in October (7th to 10th) at the Department of Humanities, there has been an ECLIPSE Teacher Training. Three different groups of teachers - one from Romania, one from United Kingdom and one from Italy - worked in groups to improve the teaching and testing materials elaborated by the Consortium. The exchange of good practices and, in general, the discussions among the teachers have been very interesting and productive.



Lessons learnt from the ECLIPSE implementation in Romania

During the Exploitation Conference for the ECLIPSE project, held in Bucharest on January 17th 2014, teachers from several countries, especially from Romania presented the preliminary results regarding the implementation of the ECMs at national level.

Thus, the modules developed within the project were integrated by the teachers from the six partner schools in the Civic Education classes. Students were on average highly receptive, proving themselves eager to test their knowledge on EU related topics. The most appreciated activities were those involving the expression of own opinions and debating.

Although pupils were at ease with using internet for documentation, teachers noticed that there were still difficulties in learning to select the appropriate sources. However, the interdisciplinary approach was listed as one of the strengths of the ECMs, as it contributes to the harnessing of skills and creativity of the pupils.

In what concerns the results to the knowledge tests filled in by pupils before and after the implementation of the modules, the preliminary analysis suggests that there are significant differences between the pre and post test in the case of the Romanian sample. Roughly there was an average increase of 4 points between the tests administered before and after the teaching of the ECMs. No significant differences were found in the performance on the tests that could be explained by gender or age.



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The ECLIPSE publication is now available...

ECLIPSE follows an interdisciplinary and integrated approach. The final publication addresses to teachers in different subjects from all across the Europe, providing them with the possibility to work with the materials developed within the project, while generating a transnational network of Secondary Education professionals which enables the exchange of best practices in promoting European Citizenship.

The publication comprises two separate sections—one for teachers and one for pupils.

The publication has been designed as a flexible, practice-oriented und user-friendly tool providing a set of theoretical and practice options for activities. The seven modules can be selected and adapted according to the given conditions in classroom (core and optional parts).

...ready for free download!

The ECLIPSE publication is available in English and can be downloaded from the project's website:

<http://eclipse.lett.unitn.it/>

The teaching and testing materials are also available in German, Italian, Portuguese, Romanian and Spanish language.

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