

Activity type: Short-term joint staff training events

Activity Description: Second partners' meeting in Turkey

Date: 26-30 Apr 2015

Protypo Peiramatiko Gymnasio Panepistimiou Makedonias (GREECE)

The second short-term joint staff training event of "Our School, My Future – ESL Project" took place in Mersin, Turkey, from 26-30 April 2015. The event was held at Huseyin Okan Merzeci Anadolu Lisesi and all partner organizations participated in it. IES Luis de Góngora participated with fifteen students and our school participated with two teachers.

Among other activities that took place during the meeting, the partners shared reports/presentations and discussed their proposals about curriculum and extra-curriculum amendments. Also, evaluation results concerning the aforementioned amendments and progress were presented as far as the overview of issues concerning the projects' implementation and future course.

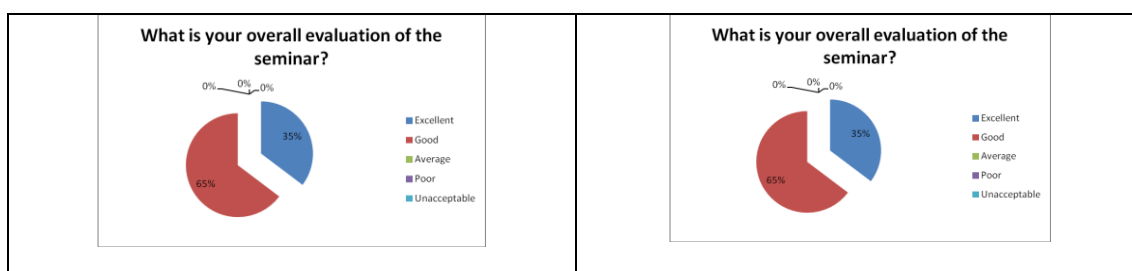
Over the past years a need has arisen for more powerful teaching and learning adapted to the demands of contemporary life. Within this framework, the participating teachers on the part of Protypo Peiramatiko Gymnasio Panepistimiou Makedonias presented a number of proposals and discussed them with the representatives of the partner schools. The crux of this procedure led to the conclusion that education today should:

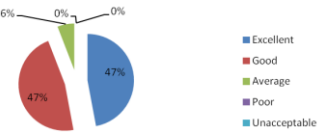
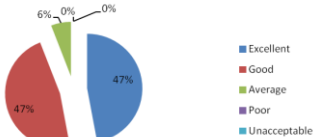
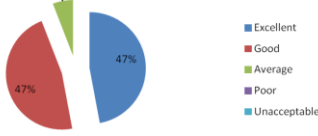
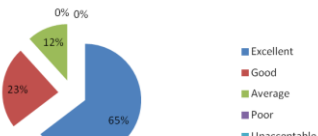
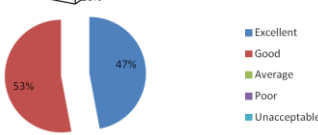
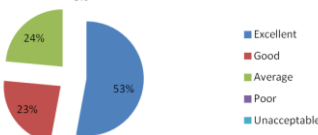
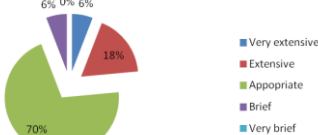
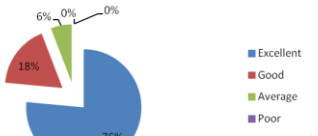
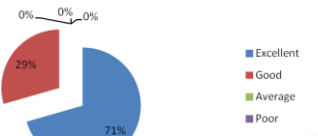
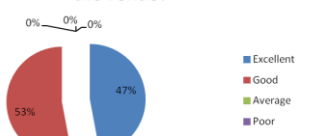
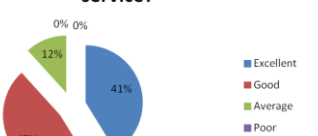
- focus on encouraging students learn how to learn and
- help develop as well as enhance students' higher-order skills

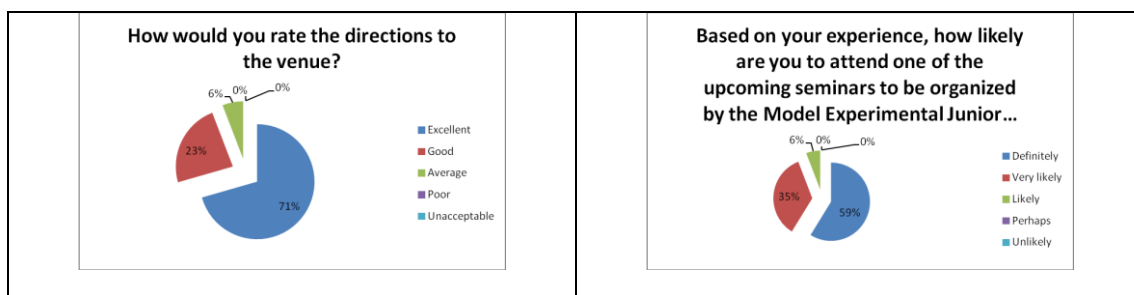
To achieve this, students need to take part in complex, meaningful projects that require sustained engagement, collaboration, research and management of resources.

Moreover, feedback results for the dissemination and educational seminar contacted within the framework of the project were presented and discussed, as shown below:

Dissemination and educational seminar: The EU Educational Program Erasmus+ «My School, Our Future – ESL project»



How would you rate the relevance of the presentations to the topics covered?  Excellent Good Average Poor Unacceptable	How would you rate the usefulness of the information presented?  Excellent Good Average Poor Unacceptable
How would you rate the quality of the presentations?  Excellent Good Average Poor Unacceptable	How would you rate the use of innovative teaching methods?  Excellent Good Average Poor Unacceptable
How would you rate the supporting material offered?  Excellent Good Average Poor Unacceptable	How would you rate the distance learning aspect of the seminar?  Excellent Good Average Poor Unacceptable
How would you rate the distance learning aspect of the seminar?  Excessive Difficult Appropriate Relatively easy Easy	Do you think the presentation topics were covered extensively or briefly?  Very extensive Extensive Appropriate Brief Very brief
How would you rate the application submission procedure?  Excellent Good Average Poor Unacceptable	How would you rate the planning and implementation of the seminar?  Excellent Good Average Poor Unacceptable
How would you rate the location of the venue?  Excellent Good Average Poor Unacceptable	How would you rate the catering service?  Excellent Good Average Poor Unacceptable



What did you like most about the presentations you attended?

- Relevant topics on ICT in education were presented and the presentations honored the preset time limits.
- Familiarizing myself with new topics which I will be able to implement.
- The targeted presentations by all speakers.
- The general information on the Erasmus+ program.
- The short and informative presentations.
- The well-organized and attractive way in which the topics were presented, getting answers to the questions I had, and acquiring new knowledge.
- Getting information and explanations promptly.
- I liked the planning and the content of the presentations.
- The presentation of the Erasmus+ application form for schools.
- The advice we were given on filling in the Erasmus+ application form and the fact that you shared your personal experiences with us.

What did you like most about the workshop?

- The inquiry method.
- What interests me most: Twinspace.
- The prompt response and help by the facilitators.
- We had to use what we learnt on the spot.
- The fact that various Web 2.0 tools were presented, which we had the opportunity to use while preparing our assignments.
- The opportunity to actually use the presentation packages, which promote interaction between teacher and students.
- Exchanging experiences.
- The variety of software we were allowed to choose from.

Are there any proposals, suggestions, or comments you would like to make to help us improve in the future?

- More topics, more days.
- I would like to see more focused training so that we can do the job better with more training time and without getting lost in topics we will never come across while, at

the same time, keeping them brief. So, more focused training, more specific information. Well-structured training that targets a specific topic. Thank you.

- The workshop could have been better organized and have an experiential aspect.
- I would appreciate more detailed practice on the topics presented.
- I would personally like to extend heartfelt thanks for your effort, which was always ready to respond to questions, advice, and help. I hope you will be able to organize another seminar again and present more tools. It would have been better if the seminar had lasted longer so that we might reap more benefits from the workshop. Once more, thank you for your commendable effort.
- A proposal for improvement: The feedback questionnaire should be filled in a couple of days after the implementation of the seminar so that the experience of the participant can be imprinted better.
- Longer duration.



The Projects' Progress Overview

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Generally...

- Though the delayed acceptance of the project by the EU, it's progress was ahead of schedule till January 2015.
- Now (April) we are facing the danger to be late in some of the intellectual outputs that we have to report in June 2015.
- The coordinators can not (and should not) finish some of them without all partners' support.



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Completed

Intellectual outputs

(O1) Evaluation tools: questioners and guides for semi-structured interviews.

(O2-A1) Partners' theme reports for the first meeting.

(O4) ESLCo-Network: asynchronous platform.

(O5) The schools' gardens for the eTwinners in action: "Our School Garden".



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Completed, but...almost!

(O1) Evaluation tools: questioners and guides for semi-structured interviews.

Completed by the M.E.S.U.M. The Spanish school should send us the data (teachers, students, parents).

(O4) ESLCo-Network: asynchronous platform.

Created and released by Colegiul Tehnic Mihai Bravu, but not finished yet. Contact and cooperate with Mr. Mavrogeaorgiadis to finish the platform and then he will send the details/instructions how to use it (upload material etc).

Completed, but almost!

(O5) eTwinners in action: “Our School Garden”: digital publication with all aspects of the projects eTwinning on-line community.

Started into the eTwinning by the M.E.S.U.M., but it is not going well. We have to give our best and start cooperate through the eTwinning (at least minimum cooperation is necessary). Maria Hatzigiosi is at your service for helping you (mxgiosi@gmail.com).



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The good news are that...

...one of the most demanding outputs is almost ready, and on time!

O12 “ESL Guidebook – Activities for all”: lesson plans etc.

It is prepared by the M.E.S.U.M. and, after receiving the lesson plans from the second meeting, it will be on line released and printed.

When all the lesson plans be completed, Maria Maheridou will sent you an email to confirm that your names, plans etc are correctly written and, generally, to do a final check of your work. The first draft will be only in English language. We will all have to translate it. The final form should be in all 5 languages + English.



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Next targets (1)

O6 Consortiums' Proceedings - B proceedings of the consortiums and the training meeting in Turkey.

The **HUSEYIN OKAN MERZECI ANADOLU LİSESİ** will create a template and complete this assignment (till 10th of June 2015). It should include text (word and pdf), some photos and links to video.

O13 ESL teaching material: educational material from the workshops, distance learning program etc.

Systematically, sent us all the material you use (or will use) to the workshops you organize. The distance learning program will take place at October & November 2015.

Next targets (2)

(O1) Evaluation tools: questioners and guides for semi-structured interviews.

It is not optional!

Discrimination Actions

Fill in the data for the actions done by your country about the discrimination of the project to the excel file we will now give you and sent it back to Maria Maheridou till 25th of June 2015 (matrixm@hotmail.com).

Next targets (till now!)

Reports and next meeting in Romania!



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