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Welcome

We welcome everybody in our first electronic newsletter which aim is to inform about the Tenegen project activities.

This 24 months long project is a collaboration of 11 partners from five countries. The "transfer of innovation" will 'valorize' the results of two earlier successful LdV projects: SLOOP and NETIS. The SLOOP project (Sharing Learning Objects in an Open Perspective) demonstrates key concepts in e-learning 2.0; NETIS provides the philosophical, sociological, and pedagogical basis to support new paradigms of teaching and learning in the Information Society. The aim of Tenegen project is to establish an European environment of 'connectivism' for VET teachers and trainers, to show the significant advantages of being connected to the n-Gen instead of simply 'delivering' knowledge through virtual classrooms and Learning Management System.

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NEWS According to the Fanta Trend Report compiled by Bence Ságvári, Hungarian teenagers are exactly like their Western counterparts regarding their Internet usage. 94 per cent of 14-17 year old teenagers in Hungary use the Internet. His article is referred on the website of The American Chamber of Commerce in Hungary: <http://www.amcham.hu> in English, the whole article is published on the website of ITHAKA (the Hungarian WIP partner) <http://www.ithaka.hu>

EVENTS: "The future's school – e-learning" conference was arranged in Hungary by the National Institute for Vocational and Adult Education in Budapest, on the 1st of October 2008. The aim was to disseminate the new developments regarding the National Registry of Qualification, to demonstrate the results of the digital learning content for the VET, and to discuss how the potential of the new networking tools can be harnessing in the traditional environment of the VET schools. See the details in the next part of this document.

Kick-off meeting

The Kick-off meeting of the project was arranged in Hungary, organized by the project coordinator (PO-Prompt) in Gödöllő at 13-15. November 2008. At the meeting the key issues were as follows

- ⇒ the partners gave an introduction, and explained their interest in the project
- ⇒ we were provided the main concept of the NETIS and SLOOP projects– aimed to import into our development (CNR, ISREG)
- ⇒ we were provided the main idea of Semantic Web/XML, to help Tenegen move to the direction of "standard e-learning"
- ⇒ we discussed the workpackages of Tenegen
- ⇒ we were provided with an introduction to the project management methods and the rules of financial reports by the representative of the Hungarian National Agency
- ⇒ the partners began to formulate the next steps of Tenegen development.



Leonardo da Vinci

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Kick-off evaluation

After the meeting the partners were asked to fill in an online questionnaire to evaluate the three working day of the meeting. The Co-coordinator summarized the results in two documents, namely: **"Kick-off minutes"** and **"Kick-off evaluation report"**, and published them for the partners on the Tenegen portal. All presentations by the partners were recorded and published on the portal (<http://tenegen.prompt.hu/content/video/videolist>).

Activities

Project portal: <http://tenegen.prompt.hu> – a Drupal-based platform for the collaboration. We published here general information on the project, studies related the innovation to transfer, and started discussions for the WP1-WP2, and integrated a common vocabulary – called "Network Learning" to develop the Tenegen taxonomy.

As a first step towards the main objectives, the Consortium decided to elaborate online questionnaire for VET teachers and trainers (for the target group of the project) to measure how far are they aware of the educational changes emerged by the new generation of open, social networking tools. How far are the teachers trained in using Web 2.0 tools, which enable peers and teachers to connect to each other, to learn from each-other while sharing and distributing knowledge and new ideas in the people-based networking environment.

The survey will be discussed during the next two month, and published online in March 2009. We plan to carry on the survey in Hungary, in Turkey, in Germany and in Italy, and to start the effective content development based on the results of the survey. Parallel with the needs-analysis, the partners are elaborating a common taxonomy in the new pedagogical model – the taxonomy of network learning – and design the five module of the Tenegen course.

Dissemination in Hungary

On 1st of October 2008 a **"The future's school - elearning"** conference was established by the Institute of Vocational and Adult Education (NIVE – P7) in Budapest. The aims of the conference were

- ⇒ to discuss the results and the possibilities of the future developments of the network learning methods in the Hungarian vocational education
- ⇒ to disseminate the results of the national HEFOP 3.2.1 project: "Renewing the National Registry of Qualification"

From the Tenegen partnership the representatives of two partners ISERG, NIVE and Prompt took part as speakers with presentations:

- ⇒ Dr. István Bessenyei: Network learning – opportunities and tensions
- ⇒ Mária Hartyányi: Network Learning in practice
- ⇒ István Kiszter: Establish the conditions of knowledge and learning network on the basis of NIVE

The speakers gave a summary report about the aims and objectives of Tenegen project. Other Tenegen partners, ÖSZJIG and BJMSZ send their representative to take part on the discussions too.

9th of December, 2008 a valorisation conference was arranged by the Tempus Foundation (the Hungarian National Agency) in Budapest, titled **"Renewal of the pedagogical profession – in the framework of the European Life Long Learning Programme"**. The main focus of the conference was to disseminate the results of the Hungarian projects founded by the EU in the frame of the Life Long Learning project. It was arranged with 200 participants from the Hungarian vocational and higher education. After the plenary presentations seminars in different fields were organized giving opportunities to show best practices and to generate living discussions related to the presentations.

From the Tenegen consortium the representative of Prompt gave a presentation on the seminar titled "Autonomy and responsibility of the teachers". In her presentation Mária Hartyányi gave an introduction to the aim and objectives of the Tenegen project. Many of the participants (VET teachers, professors from the higher education) were deeply interested in the project aims, and they expressed intention to join to the planned activities.



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Project basics

Acronym: TENEGEN

Title: Connect the teachers to reach and teach the Net Generation

Duration: 1 October 2008 – 30 September 2010

Action type: Transfer of Innovation

Programme: Leonardo da Vinci – LLL Subprogramme

Participating countries: Hungary, Italy, Germany, Turkey

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Partnership

PROMPT	Prompt-G Educational Centre for Informatics, HU (Co-ordinator)
CNR	National Research Council - Institute for Educational Technology, IT
ISERG	Information Society Education and Research Group University of West Hungary, HU
CAPDM	CAPDM Ltd., UK
DEKRA	DEKRA Akademie GmbH, DE
BUNI	Balıkesir University TR
ÖJSZIGK	Öveges József Vocational and Grammar School, HU
NIVE	National Institute of Adult and Vocational Education, HU
BJMSZ	Bottyán János Vocational Secondary School, HU
KGYGIVSZ	Krúdy Gyula Secondary School, HU
SZIGSZ	Széchenyi István Secondary Grammar School, HU

Target groups

- ⇒ teachers and trainers in vocational education,
- ⇒ trainers in adult education;
- ⇒ school-leaders (headmasters) in VET schools and the staff of higher education institutes,
- ⇒ students of vocational schools ;
- ⇒ university students;
- ⇒ policy makers;
- ⇒ European e-learning providers.

Objectives

- ⇒ elaborate a pedagogical model of network learning and 'connectivism';
- ⇒ develop an online repository of Open Source Learning Objects;
- ⇒ develop a TENEGEN network learning environment based on open source LMS;
- ⇒ elaborate and implement five training modules in three languages (HU, EN, TR);
- ⇒ establish pilot training courses for teachers and trainers;
- ⇒ validate and verify the results in VET schools;
- ⇒ disseminate the results all over Europe.

Work-packages

WP0	Project management
WP1	TENEGEN System Analysis and Design based on pedagogical and sociological outcomes of NETIS
WP2	TENEGEN Systems Analysis and Design based on the concept of SLOOP
WP3	Content development, review, translation
WP4	Implementation of TENEGEN networking platform
WP5	E-learning - the school of the future - Pilot course I.
WP6	Pilot course in VET schools
WP7	Evaluation
WP8	Dissemination and valorisation

Planned results

Online further training programme for teachers and trainers in five module in three language (HU, EN, TR), implementing them in Moodle environment, and piloting the course in three countries (HU, EN, TR) and piloting them in the target (importer) countries Hungary and Turkey. The Consortium intended to deliver the new paradigm of network learning to the teachers and trainers in the vocational education, to help them "to reach and teach the Net Generation".



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