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Welcome!

The MEDILINGUA project (2013-1-PL1-LEO05-37769) is continuing successfully. The research phase has been completed with the efforts of all partners and its main aim was accomplished. It identified the 5 most frequently met health threatening situations in partnership countries in the thematic areas of adults, children, infants, pregnant women and the elderly. The work related to the research phase was of vital importance for the start of the activities under the upcoming work packages- WP3 Transfer of Podcasting methodology and WP4 Development of content and Delivery System.



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Research phase

The research was conducted in Poland, Portugal, Germany and Bulgaria. The University of Rzeszow prepared the Research plan, which contained the research aims, methodology and schedule. Each partner was implementing the research in their countries complying with this strategic document. In spite of the diverse job profile of paramedics in the partnership countries, partners managed to acquire the necessary for the elaboration of the delivery system data.

The first stage of the research was desk research. For its purposes each partner explored the job profile, number and training possibilities of paramedics as well as the national legislature in this field in their country. It helped partners to establish useful contacts with paramedics' institutions that were used in the next phase of the research. The second part of the research was field research. The main tool used in this part of the research was the questionnaire that was translated to all languages of the partnership. During the recruitment of respondents partners held face to face meetings with representatives of the target group, on which paramedics were introduced to the project, its aims and the research phase. There was a permanent contact between partner organizations and paramedics throughout the whole research phase. The respondents were encouraged to call partners each time they encountered any difficulties with filling in the surveys or just had any questions. The participants in the research in all partner countries finished their tasks on time and in compliance with the instructions given to them by members of the Consortium. After partners gathered the completed questionnaires they prepared national reports of research based on the answers in them. These reports were sent to the University of Rzeszow that created the Common report of research.

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Second partner meeting in Berlin

The second management meeting under the project was held on the 30-th of June and the 1-st of July 2014 in Berlin, Germany. During it partners presented the results of research in their countries and the University of Rzeszow introduced partners to the Common report of research. There were detailed discussions about the next steps of the Consortium for the creation of the training materials and the choice of a delivery system for the course. Danmar acquainted partners with the essence and aims of the Podcasting methodology and why it should be used in VET. Also the first progress report was discussed and partners were encouraged to ask the Coordinator questions about it. EEC informed representatives of the partner organizations about the results of the Monitoring and Evaluation process so far and gave recommendations for the improvement of the project work. Finally Center Runi presented the conducted dissemination activities and notified partners about future activities within WP6- Dissemination and Exploitation.

What's next?

It was agreed that the next partner meeting will be held on the 15-th and the 16-th of January 2015 in Sofia, Bulgaria. Right after the meeting in Berlin the creation of the content for the delivery system started. It will be created by Iberika Group, who will be greatly supported by the medical partners- Gesaude and the University of Rzeszow. They will provide the specialized medical vocabulary and the scenarios of real-life situations in paramedics' work. Apart from this by the end of August 2014 a Podcasts Creation Guide will be elaborated. It will contain basic principles of creating the podcasts and success stories about using podcasting in education. The Guide will be translated into all languages of the partnership. A good way for paramedics to get involved in the project will be the First national dissemination workshops that will take place in each partner country by the end of September 2014. The workshops will be attended by at least 20 people in each country and will aim at informing paramedics about the project and its activities.

Podcasting Methodology

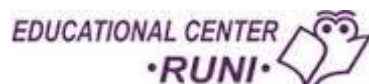
The rationale of choosing the podcasting methodology for the purposes of MEDILINGUA project is based on the recent researches and successful uses of this approach in the learning process. Modern ways of teaching (which include podcasting) were entered for development purposes of learning systems in several EU countries. On the other hand, none of these countries keep statistics on the use of podcasting in the official learning process - the scale of the use of podcasting is not well documented. Nevertheless, a number of successful stories clearly show that learners have a very positive attitude to the idea of podcasting and they seem to be fascinated about the idea of having additional learning resources available through the podcasts.

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