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Advancing Vocational Competences in Foreign Languages for Paramedics -2013-1-PL1-LEO05-37769

Welcome!

The MEDILINGUA project (2013-1-PL1-LEO05-37769) went into its crucial stage that includes the testing phase. Its results will help the partnership to identify and eliminate technical and structural malfunctions in the platform in order to adapt it to the needs of paramedics in the different countries. Most of the content of the platform is already created and added to the system. All of the six training units are available and ready to be tested by paramedics. Apart from them the partnership created an additional unit that contains mainly vocabulary, useful medical abbreviations and terms and some grammar. Partners have already started the recruitment of participants for the testing phase and the organization of initial testing meetings during which paramedics will be introduced to the platform and the testing methodology.



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LMS platform

The LMS platform is the main result of the MEDILINGUA project. Its final version will be ready in the beginning of 2016. It will be free for paramedics and paramedics' educators who would be able to use it in the training process. It consists of 6 training units and additional material. The topics of the units are based on the research results and describe the following emergency situations:

- Unit 1- Children: Head injury
- Unit 2- Children: Respiratory disease
- Unit 3- Pregnancy and premature birth
- Unit 4- Adults: Heart disease
- Unit 5- The Elderly: Stroke
- Unit 6- Infants: Head and limb injuries

All of the units describe a real-life situation that paramedics encounter frequently in their daily work. The aim of the course is to enable paramedics to practice the language that they use when speaking with their patients.

The platform also contains a separate section where paramedics from the countries of the partnership can upload their own podcasts. The participants in the course are being stimulated to record short videos when they are at work in order to share them with all users of the platform.

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Start of the testing phase

The Testing plan was developed by Gesaude and agreed together with all partners who provided feedback for its optimization. According to it, each testing partner should organize an initial and a final testing meeting. Partners have already started the preparation for the initial meeting that will happen in July 2015 in all countries of the partnership. During it paramedics and other specialists working in the medical emergency field will be introduced to the platform, receive instructions for testing and credentials for the platform and meet their tutors. Testers will also complete a short test that should assess their English language knowledge before the start of the testing process. At the final testing meeting that will take place in the end of September 2015 paramedics will fill in the same test in order to check their learning outcomes. If they pick the right answers to 80 % of the questions in the test, they will receive a MEDILINGUA B1 certificate.

Delivery System User Guide

The Delivery System User Guide was created by the coordinator of the project, Danmar Computers, and translated to all partner languages in June 2015. It will be distributed among the participants in the testing phase and other paramedics who are wishing to use the platform. It contains information about the LMS platform, technical requirements for using it and detailed instructions about the navigation through the system. It also shows paramedics how to upload their own podcasts to the platform and sort them into different galleries. Reading the guide your work with the platform will definitely become a lot easier and you will be able to perform better during the testing process.

The Delivery System User Guide will be overspread among the target group either during face to face meetings or electronic correspondence. It will also be uploaded to the project website thus ensuring that a wide target audience will reach it.

What's next?

The most important future project activities are related to the implementation of the testing stage that will continue from June to September 2015. It will end with the development of a Common report from testing that will contain the testing results and recommendations for future development of the LMS platform. The report will be created by Gesaude who is in charge of coordinating the testing process. Partners will participate in the last transnational meeting and final conference which will be organized on the 19-th and 20-th of November 2015.

The third round of dissemination workshops will also be held in November 2015. Paramedics will be introduced to the project, platform and the testing results during those events.

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