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Welcome!

The MEDILINGUA project (2013-1-PL1-LEO05-37769) is smoothly approaching its end as partners are working hard in order to finalize the testing phase. They have already started the preparation for the final testing meetings which are very important because the participants in them will share their overall impressions of the platform and suggest ideas for its further development. The University of Rzeszow has already started the preparation for the final dissemination conference that will attract about 200 representatives of the target group. The participants in the conference will be introduced to the LMS platform and the testing results. The LMS platform is almost ready and its users could now listen to the audio files in all of the six units.



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Testing phase

All testing partners have organized the initial testing meeting during which the paramedics were introduced to the platform, received credentials and completed the language test in order to check their level before the start of the testing. Paramedics stayed in a permanent contact with representatives of the partner organizations in order to clarify some issues and receive technical support during the testing. The participants in the testing showed a great motivation to work with the platform and in some of the countries they facilitated for the enrollment of additional users into the platform. The partners have now started the preparation for the final testing meeting which should take place in all partner countries by the end of September 2015. A course evaluation questionnaire was prepared by Europe Evaluation Company and later translated into national languages. Filling in that questionnaire paramedics will share their opinion about the structure, design and training content of the platform. The results of those questionnaires will be used by each partner in order to prepare a national report from testing. Paramedics were additionally stimulated to actively participate in the testing phase due to the possibility to receive a Medilingua B1 certificate, if they achieve a required score during the course. Some of them have already successfully passed the test and got the certificate online. Most of the Bulgarian testers declared their high satisfaction with the platform and claimed that the course had been very useful and interesting for them.

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Final dissemination conference

The final dissemination conference under the project will be organized on the 19-th of November 2015 in Rzeszow, Poland. The University of Rzeszow has already started the hectic preparation of the event. The conference “European Transfer of Innovation for the medical sector” will introduce around 200 members of the target group to the project results, the platform and the testing results. The event will also focus on the need of incorporating podcasting methodology in education and training. Also members of each partner organization will attend the conference. It will be a perfect opportunity for the target group and stakeholders to get acquainted with Medilingua concept and ask questions about project details and the role of each partner within the project.

Why to use the Medilingua platform?

You are a busy, practicing paramedic and don't have the necessary time to attend a traditional language course. You prefer studying a language online and using modern ICT tools rather than having to prepare homework or write essays. You are always on the road and would like to use your smartphone in order to study English. Or maybe you are a paramedic educator who has run out of attractive tools for engaging your students into the learning process. All of the above are just some of the logical reasons for using the Medilingua platform in order to study/ teach medical English in an innovative and up-to-date way.

What's next?

The most important future steps of the project are connected with the organization of the final testing meeting in each country and the preparation of the Common report from testing. The latter should be prepared by Gesaude by the end of October 2015 and contain concrete recommendations for further development of the platform. Apart from this partners look forward to taking part in the final transnational meeting and dissemination conference that will be held on the 19-th and 20-th of November 2015 in Rzeszow, Poland. The project has already entered into its crucial stage and paramedics are awaiting the final version of the LMS which will be available in the beginning of 2016. Training centers for paramedics in some of the countries have already declared that they are going to use the platform in the work with their students and are looking forward to apply podcasting in the learning process, too. The third round of national dissemination workshops should be conducted by the end of November 2015 and the partnership is hoping to be able to introduce the target group to a revised version of the platform by then.

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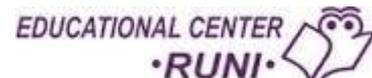
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