



PRESS RELEASE

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C4C

CLIL for Children

A EU project for primary school teachers funded under the Erasmus+ program

We are pleased to announce that the project “C4C – CLIL for Children” has been granted funding under the Erasmus+ program of the European Commission for a three-year period.

Multilingualism is at the very heart of European identity, since languages are a fundamental aspect of the cultural identity of every European. Language acquisition and language enhancement is getting more and more important for an **intercultural dialogue** in our society and for improving job prospects of individuals. Communication in foreign languages is classified as one of the eight key competences for lifelong learning.

The aim of the C4C project, which was launched on 1st September 2015, is to support **primary school teachers** with a **comprehensive training program** for **CLIL teaching**.

The acronym CLIL stands for **Content and Language Integrated Learning**. CLIL is a dual-focus educational approach in which an additional language is used for teaching of both content and language ⁽¹⁾: subjects such as science, mathematics and geography are taught to students through a foreign language, simultaneously promoting the learning of that foreign language.

¹ Mehisto, P., Marsh, D., Frigols, M.J. (2008). *Uncovering CLIL: Content and language integrated learning in bilingual and multilingual education*. Oxford: Macmillan Education.

It can be achieved *by the foreign language teacher* (using cross curricular contents), *by the subject teacher* (using English as the language of instruction) or by both working in tandem. The crucial feature of CLIL is that it targets **simultaneous learning of content and a foreign language**. C4C will target English as a foreign language to be learnt through the CLIL approach.

Evidence exists that **children** are particularly receptive to learning languages **at an early age**; linguistic competences and a multilingual education should be implemented in primary school and even earlier, and CLIL offers an opportunity to do so in a natural way.

Over the past two decades, an increasing body of research has demonstrated that CLIL can enhance multilingualism and provide opportunities for developing learners' knowledge and skills. However, effective use of CLIL requires a **specific methodology and adequate teacher training**.

GOALS

C4C will carry out:

- a **survey** on the state of the art of using CLIL in primary schools, including good practices and difficulties experienced by teachers;
- a **review** of existing web based **Open and Educational Resources (OERs)** for CLIL to be used in primary schools.

Based on the outcomes of the survey and of the review of OERs, the project will develop:

- **Guidelines on development and use of CLIL in primary schools**
- a set of **CLIL materials and lesson** plans for teaching science, mathematics and geography in English in primary schools
- a **Guide on these topics**
- an **E-course** (online course) addressed to teachers on how to use CLIL methodology in primary schools.

With the project, over 59.000 participants of target groups will become informed about the C4C project, and over 700 teachers and 2.000 students will be involved in it at different levels.

THE CONSORTIUM

The collaboration who have come together to create C4C – CLIL for Children includes representatives from Italy, Poland, Portugal and Romania and whose next meeting will take place in Italy in November 2015.

The consortium is represented by organizations active in research and/or training of teachers and schools:

- The Language Center srl of Todi (Italy), www.wellanguage.com: (main contractor)

Partner Schools

- Direzione Didattica , Todi (Italy), www.direzionededidatticatodi.it
- Direzione Didattica Aldo Moro of Terni, Terni (Italy), www.direzionededidatticaaldomoro.gov.it
- Szkoła Podstawowa nr 199 im. Juliana Tuwima, Lodz (Poland), www.sp199.edu.lodz.pl
- Scoala Gimnaziala Alexandru Davila, (Romania), <http://scoala14pitesti.scoli.edu.ro>
- Agrupamento de Escolas Gardunha e Xisto, Fundão (Portugal), www.aesg.edu.pt

Partners

- Instituto Politécnico de Castelo Branco, Castelo Branco (Portugal), www.ipcb.pt
- Universitatea din Pitesti, Pitesti (Romania), www.upit.ro
- Uniwersytet Lodzki, Lodz (Poland), www.uni.lodz.pl
- Giunti O.S. Organizzazioni Speciali, Florence (Italy), www.giuntios.it



More info in the website www.clil4children.eu