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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) is funded by sector program Leonardo de Vinci, Transfer of innovation within Lifelong Learning Programme. Its activities are implemented in Bulgaria, Poland, Portugal, Germany and the United Kingdom. The project started officially on the 1-st of January 2014 and will continue for 24 months.

Specific reason for this project is the lack of appropriate vocational competence in the field of foreign languages for paramedics (Oxford dictionary: "people who are trained to do medical work, especially emergency first aid, but are not a fully qualified doctors").

Aims of the project:

- to raise employability and vocational mobility of paramedics through advancing their vocational competences in foreign languages
- to develop multimedia training delivery system,
- to provide attractive VET training.

The main results of the project will be a tested delivery system, ready to be used by general public and e-Learning training contents supported by thematic podcasts on VOLL.

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MEDILINGUA consortium

The project partnership includes 6 organizations from 5 different European countries:

- Danmar Computers Sp.z.o.o (Poland)
- Iberika Group (Germany)
- Europe Evaluation Company (the United Kingdom)
- Center RUNI (Bulgaria)
- Gesaude - Organizacao e Gestao de Saude nos Locais de Trabalho, Lda (Portugal)
- Uniwersytet Rzeszowski (Poland)

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Kick-off meeting in Coimbra

The first management meeting under the project was held on the 20th and 21st of January 2014 in Coimbra, Portugal. There were short presentations of each partner organization so that partners could get acquainted with each other. The general aims and essence of the project were discussed. The tasks and responsibilities of all the partners within the different work packages were clearly defined. The Dissemination plan, which contained the methodology and tools of how to reach the widest target audience and inform them on the project results was presented by Center Runi. EEC presented the Monitoring and Evaluation plan, which will be used in order to assess if the project results are successfully achieved. Also partners were introduced to local stakeholders as local authorities, fire brigade corporations and emergency centers. During the meetings with them they were informed about the expected project results and inquired about the paramedics' current professional status in Portugal.

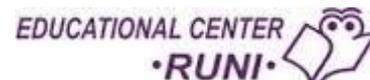
What's next?

It was agreed that the next partner meeting will be held on the 30th June and the 1st July 2014 in Berlin. Right after the Coimbra meeting the research phase of the project will start. It will aim to discover the most commonly met health threatening situations in the partner countries in the thematic areas of adults, children, infants, pregnant women and the elderly. It will also identify the most commonly used mobile devices among the target group. The research will be conducted in two parts- desk research and quantitative research. For the purpose of the latter

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a questionnaire was prepared by the University of Rzeszow and translated to all languages of the partnership. The research must be completed before the Berlin meeting and the University of Rzeszow is responsible for the creation of common report summarizing its results.



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