



Leonardo da Vinci Lifelong Learning Programme / Transfer of Innovation: TRADIMU PROJECT 2008-2010: Cultural Dialogue in Digital Learning Networks Intercultural Education and Dialogue in Europe

The Situation

Many European societies face cultural changes due to migration. An increase of culturally diverse staff in the care and education sectors can be identified, as can an increase of cultural diversity among children, students and adult learners. This can lead to problems in communication and finally also distrust and fear among people who lack the knowledge and skills to be successful in a pluralistic society. In reaction to this, the development of equality and anti-bias training programs promoting intercultural dialogue can be observed in many European countries. Some are linked with work related language programs for migrants with examples downloadable from various internet sites. The main aim of these is to minimize potential conflict, discrimination and stereotyping.

The Project

This Digital Learning Networks Project, running from 11/2008 to 10/2010, has been initiated to disseminate and develop further the results of three previous projects: Tralala 2004-2006 (TRaining Langue with LAbour – Leonardo da Vinci Pilot Project), MUTUAL 2006-2007 (Intercultural Dialogue in Child Care and Education – Thematic Action Project), Diglife 2007-2008 (Introducing Open Sources Technology and Programs to Digital Learning Networks – Norwegian University Project). New and old partners have been invited to exchange experiences and good practices of teaching/training and learning in the fields of intercultural communication, second language education, and open sources learning management systems. TRADIMU will offer the project partners, consisting of project managers, adult learners, students and teaching staff within various educational and training sectors, the opportunity to test/develop material and raise their qualifications in one or more of the three project areas.

The Partnership

- **Universities and University colleges:**
 - [University of Agder](#) (Norway, representing all projects and three faculties)
 - [Ventspils University College](#) (Latvia, potential partner)
 - [University of Modena and Reggio Emilia](#) (Italy, new partner)
- **Adult education centers and vocational institutions:**
 - [Roc van Twente](#) (Netherlands, former TRALALA partner)
 - [VUC-Nordjylland](#) (Denmark, former TRALALA partner)
 - [Risør Voksenopplæring](#) (Norway, former TRALALA coordinator)
 - [Center for Adult Education](#) in Trondheim (Norway, new partner)
 - [Social and Health College in Aarhus](#) (Denmark, former MUTUAL partner)
- **Primary schools:**

- Two primary schools from [Lindesnes municipality](#) (Nyplass and Spangereid primary schools) (Norway, former DIGLIFE partner)
- Two primary schools from [Farsund municipality](#) (Norway, new partners)
- **Private companies:**
 - [Fundatia Ecologica Green](#) (Romania, former MUTUAL partner)
 - [Volkshilfe](#) (Austria, former MUTUAL coordinator)
 - Gametainment AS (Norway, TRALALA subcontractor)
- **Non-profit organizations:** [Point Europa](#) (England, former MUTUAL partner)

The Aims and Objectives

- Introducing the MUTUAL course in intercultural dialog to TRADIMU partners in digital learning networks.
- Adapting the TRALALA language learning game to the specific needs of new learning environments
- Development and testing of innovative community based evaluation procedures. An action research methodology will be considered here.
- Sharing knowledge to increase the competencies around the use of the communication tools and free / open source software modules on Internet.
- Involving pupils from the primary and secondary schools and their parents as active participants in the TRADIMU digital learning networks (Lave & Wenger).
- Production of research papers on intercultural dialogue in digital learning networks, and on educational renewal as a joint European development experience

The Activities:

- ◆ Develop and test an introduction course on open source learning management systems
- ◆ Initiate different learning communities of practice
- ◆ Organise the partner meetings
- ◆ Introduce the TRALALA and MUTUAL results to new educational environments
- ◆ Test and Improve the TRALALA learning game technology
- ◆ Develop a new language learning game
- ◆ Test the MUTUAL course in different digital learning networks
- ◆ Document the results in E-Portfolios and on videos

Leonardo da Vinci

Leonardo da Vinci is part of EU's new programme for lifelong learning (LLP) and supports vocational education and training. SIU is the Norwegian National Agency (NA) for the programme (www.siu.no).

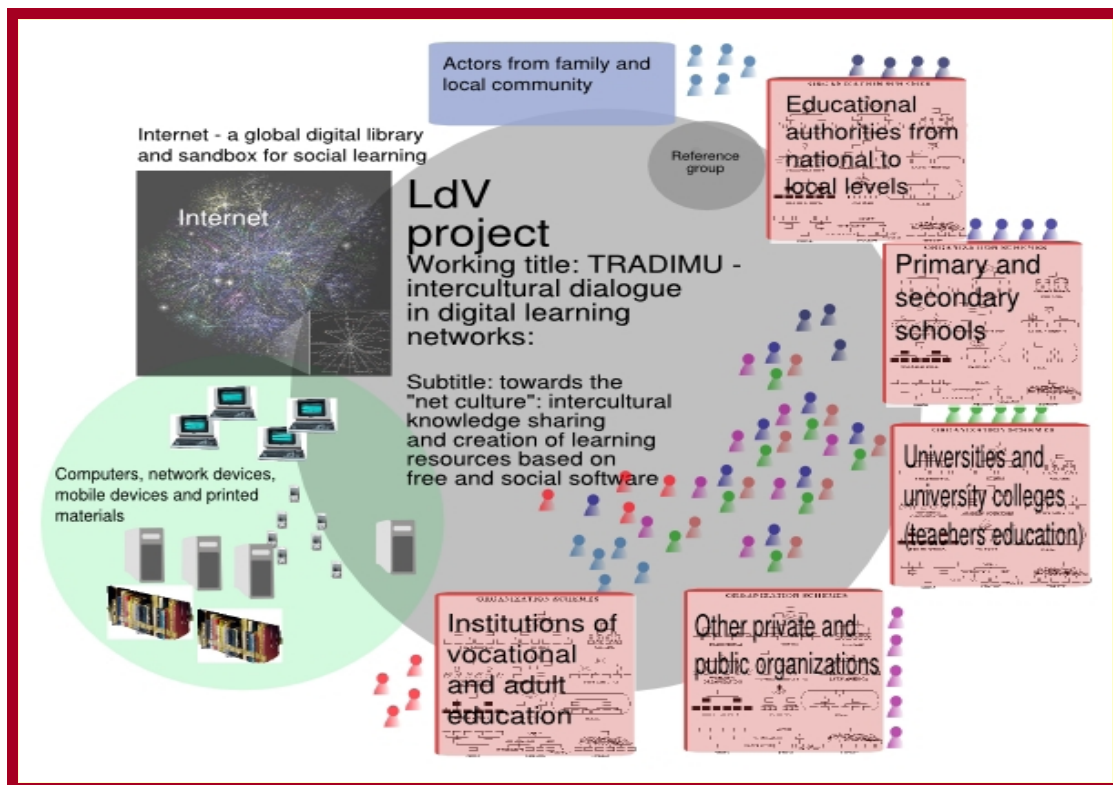
Please note that individuals, institutions or organisations from an EU-country that are interested in engaging in Leonardo-activities with Norway should contact the National Agency (NA) of their respective country.

Specific objectives of Leonardo da Vinci

- To support participants in training and further training activities in the acquisition and the use of knowledge, skills and qualifications to facilitate personal development.
- To support improvements in quality and innovation in vocational education and training systems, institutions and practices.
- To enhance the attractiveness of vocational education and training and mobility for employers and individuals and to facilitate the mobility of working trainees.

Operational objectives

- To improve the quality and to increase the volume of mobility throughout Europe of people involved in initial vocational education and training and in continuing training, so as to increase placements in enterprises to at least 80.000 per year by the end of the LLP.
- To improve the quality and to increase the volume of co-operation between institutions or organisations providing learning opportunities, enterprises, social partners and other relevant bodies throughout Europe.
- To facilitate the development of innovative practices in the field of vocational education and training other than at tertiary level, and their transfer, including from one participating country to others.
- To improve the transparency and recognition of qualifications and competences, including those acquired through non-formal and informal learning.
- To encourage the learning of modern foreign languages.
- To support the development of innovative ICT-based content, services, pedagogies and practice for lifelong learning.





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