

SMILE NEWS

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Explore 'the world of language learning' with SMILE!

- What are the advantages of learning less widely used and taught European languages?
- How can language learning increase competitiveness and employability and create new job opportunities?
- What opportunities can language learning offer to various disadvantaged groups in order to help them integrate in society?
- What are the existing good practices and methodologies for promotion of less widely used and taught languages in Europe?

The Network for Social and Market Inclusion through Language Education (SMILE) gives you the answer!



Kick-off meeting in Valencia, Spain

February, 2014

The SMILE network consists of 20 partner organizations from 15 European countries. In the coming three years the partners will join their efforts to identify areas and target groups that can benefit from the promotion and learning of less widely used and taught languages. The partners will discuss and exchange ideas on current national and European policies in the field of language learning and will perform a research on existing good practices and methodologies for promotion of less widely used and taught languages.

What are the outcomes?

The results from the research will be presented through National Reports and will be available via the project website. These National Reports will be later used as a basis for development of a Situational Analysis providing information about the needs related to language learning and solutions for meeting them through non-traditional methodologies.

During the third year Recommendation Papers will be developed providing strategies, opportunities and methodologies for promotion of linguistic diversity and learning of less widely used and taught languages on European level.

Who can benefit from the SMILE findings?

Through the project outcomes various organisations will become familiar with alternative language-learning methods and multilingual products for increasing competences, competitiveness and employment in various sectors. They will be provided with access to non-traditional methods and products for situational language learning and promotion in the specific context of their field of expertise and interest.

The network will support disadvantaged people in their better integration in society and provide them with motivation for development of qualities corresponding to the requirements of the labour market.

Schools, universities, language centres, adult education providers, vocational language education and training institutes will be introduced to the identified methodologies for situational learning of less widely used and taught languages and encouraged to apply them with their learners.

You SMILE.

We SMILE.

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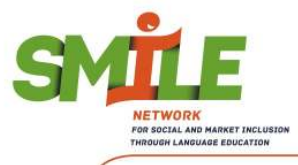
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