

- Motivating language learning -

Thursday 4 October 2007 from 12:00 to 17:00

Venue: WTCB S.A. - HOTEL SOFITEL BUCHAREST
10, Piata Montréal, 78334, Bucharest

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME:

- 12:00 - 12:20 *Registration and coffee*
- 12:20 **Opening of the Seminar**
Mr. Tapio Saarela, Ambassador of Finland to Romania

Session I

- 12:35 - 13:15 **“Finnish educational concepts for innovative use; Top 5!”**
Ms. Katja Vuori, Project Manager, EduCluster Finland

Introduction to EduCluster Finland and educational knowledge of Central Finland
What are the Top 5 edu-themes foreign groups want to get familiarize with when coming to Study visits in Central Finland, why? Case examples of our products / concepts which could be tailored innovatively for the use of different actors in Romania

- 13:15 - 14:00 **“The Effectiveness of ICT Technologies in Foreign Language Teaching”** **Mr. Andrzej Styrzcz, Regional Manager, SANAKO Corporation, Finland**

The research on the effectiveness of ICT in language teaching suggests that the schools that implement ICT in Foreign Language Learning (FLL) get better results in teaching than those that do not. Therefore, many teachers see the value of technology as a means to immerse students in a foreign language and culture and speed up the processes of language learning.

Both session comments, questions

- 14:00 - 14:15 *Coffee Break*

Session II

14:15- 15:00 **“Enhancing Language Learning with Learning Management Systems”**
Mrs. Irmeli Kaustio, M.A. Department of Teacher Education University of Turku Finland

Illustrated examples of successful projects, where research, pedagogical aspects and the quality of teaching and learning were at the heart of the projects, coupled with a discussion on the shift from the prevalent pedagogical practices to those necessary in the ICT learning environment. Examples are drawn from the use of video-conferencing in distance teaching, learning & teaching using platforms and working with publishes to create learning objects.

15:00 - 15:45 **“Public funding -Success stories from regional education projects”**
Ms. Katja Vuori, UniServices Ltd., University of Jyväskylä Finland

Regional development -introduction to UniServices Ltd

Case study:

Examples of successful development projects in education sector

- What happened during the projects?
- What results followed from projects?
- What direct and indirect benefits the target groups got?
- What kind of financing structure projects had?
- Why we succeeded?

How to start up the initiative; tips for activation phase

15:45 - 16:30 **“Content authoring and test creation tools - Examples of Sanako software modules”**, Mr. Andrzej Styrzcz, Regional Manager, SANAKO Corporation, Finland

ICT solutions provide the learners with the wealth of authentic learning resources (multimedia, the Web), optimize both instructional and learning time, maximize teacher’s support time and allow for more teacher-student interaction and personalized coaching. Teachers can easily create their own multimedia content, develop a variety of tests and track students’ progress and performance.

Sessions comments, questions

16:30 - 17:00 **Sanako Study 500 Classroom Management Tools - Draw Conclusion and Closing of the seminar**