

Newsletter December 2011

Creative Little Scientists Kick-Off Meeting

The Kick-Off meeting of *Creative Little Scientists* took place on 6th and 7th October 2011 at Ellinogermaniki Agogi in Athens, Greece. Partners from 8 European countries attended the meeting and started work towards building a common vision for the project and its deliverables. They reviewed managerial and financial issues and decided on the working activities for the next six months.



Decisions made at the Kick-Off meeting concern the coordination of work with regards the development of the project's conceptual framework (as part of Work Package 2), the means to be used for the internal communication of the consortium, and the general principles guiding the project's dissemination strategy.

At the end of the first day of the meeting, the hosts organised a dinner at a Greek

restaurant, giving partners the chance to get to know each other and start building a relationship of mutual trust and respect, in a relaxed environment while savouring traditional Greek dishes.



Deliverables completed by the end of December 2011

Following the successful organisation of the Kick-Off meeting and until the end of December 2011, four deliverables belonging to three different Work Packages (WPs) have been completed. At the end of October 2011, the Project Management Plan (D1.1) was released as part of work in WP1, alongside the Guidelines for the Background Literature Reviews (D2.1) in WP2. Two more deliverables were ready at the start of December, the Dissemination and Exploitation Plan (D6.1) and the Project Website (D6.2).



Project website

www.creative-little-scientists.eu

The project website went online at the beginning of December and includes information about all aspects of the project (summary, objectives, outputs, news and dissemination material). The website will be updated as the project evolves and will serve as the main dissemination tool for the project. Through it, stakeholders interested in following the work of the project can subscribe to receive regular newsletters.

Work in progress

In addition to the above mentioned completed deliverables, a number of other tasks and deliverables are in progress.

Conceptual framework

During the first three months of the project, most of the work carried out by all partners has been towards defining a clear and detailed conceptual framework to underpin the issues at stake in the project. This framework will identify the parameters which need to be addressed in all stages of the research. The first drafts of the background literature reviews of the separate conceptual and/or thematic areas addressed by the project (i.e. creativity, science and mathematics education in early years, teacher training, and comparative education) have been released for comments by the partners. The final versions of these will consist the building

blocks of the Conceptual Framework, which will be ready by the end of March 2012.

Dissemination material

Following this newsletter, the first dissemination material generated by the project will be released. At the beginning of January 2012, a leaflet will be available to endorse the project to interested parties, including teachers and school administrators, who are stakeholders integral to the next stages of the project. This leaflet, as well as a project brochure to be released by the end of March 2012, and most dissemination materials will be produced in English and then translated into all partner languages.

Next consortium meeting

The next meeting for *Creative Little Scientists* will be held at the Cité des Sciences et de l' Industrie in Paris, France on 22nd and 23rd March 2012.

The *Creative Little Scientists* consortium would like to wish you a very happy Season's Greetings and a healthy and prosperous New Year.



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