

ENFORMA EC PROJECT

CHAT 10-12-08 (english)

Eva- Spain:

- We will wait some minutes for some other partners before we start the meeting

ViKtor_vojtko:

- It's a little bit unusual for me to communicate this way – but think this is a good idea.

Stefaan:

- Good morning everybody, Stefaan in Antwerp (working home today and not in Brussels)

Eva:

- We had several online meetings in the e-cons project
- This is really a good way of communication

Nieves Alvarez:

- Good morning

Eva:

- Hello Stefaan

Viktor:

- Hello

Eva:

- Thanks for participating in the meeting

Stefaan:

- No problem. What's the agenda?

Eva:

- I hope some more partners will enter the chat in the next minutes

Eva:

- Well, as Nieves' English is not fluent, I will enter the comments in this chat.

Stefaan:

- OK.

Viktor:

- No problem.

Eva:

- The first point of the agenda is the inventory of Links

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- The second point of the agenda is the participation in the Trainers Training Meeting in Valencia.

Eva:

- We will elaborate a CD-ROM for the Meeting in Valencia which includes didactic materials as well as the inventory of links.

Eva:

- For this CD-ROM, we need the help from all partners to send us interesting links from their countries. Links related to energy saving, responsible consumption and climate change.

Stefaan:

- Do you only need the links to the organisations? Or do you also need information about responsible persons (telephone numbers, contact address, etc.) The first one we can do really fast (without asking permission), for the second one we need to contact all the organisations (and their answers could take some time)

Eva:

- These links can also be from international organizations.
- In case of other organizations, the link to their website is sufficient. Their website normally contains all other information.

Stefaan:

- OK, then I can send you all this information very soon. By when do you need it?

Eva:

- In case you send us your own link, you can send more details.

Viktor:

- Whoops! I was disconnected for a while

Eva:

- The deadline should be the end of January 2009.

Viktor:

- OK, we can prepare the list of links quite easily too.

Stefaan:

- OK, no problem. We have interesting links and organisations working on energy, climate change, etc.

Eva:

- In addition to the links, you can also send us your didactic materials in case you have materials related to the subjects of the meeting and in

case you want to add them free of charge to the CD-ROM. These materials should be, if possible, in PDF format.

Stefaan:

- OK

Viktor:

- We have prepared a similar project focused on these issues – but the project will start (hopefully) in April.
- And I suppose we should have some didactic materials during the summer

Eva:

- What type of project is this?

Eva:

- Well, we need the didactic materials until the end of January in order to include to the CD-ROM which we will give to the participants of the meeting in Valencia.

Viktor:

- It is financed by European Social Fund, development of materials regarding sustainable consumption, financial grammar and sustainable entrepreneurship for primary and secondary schools

Viktor:

- We plan to publish all the materials online.
- And there will be English and probably German versions too
- The pilot testing should be together with 30 schools.

Eva:

- This sounds very interesting, we can exchange the materials to have them on different websites.

Viktor:

- Yes, I think so.

Viktor:

- But of course it depends on acceptance first :-)

Eva:

- Do you have an idea how to motivate partners to participate more actively in such activities? ;.))
- Until now, no partner has sent any links or comments to our e-mails...

Eva:

- Well, we will continue with the second point of our agenda: the organization of the trainers training meeting in Valencia.

Stefaan:

- Difficult to motivate the partners, but they should at least let you know they won't be there (politeness), then you can search another date...

Eva:

- Only two persons have said that it would not be possible to attend this meeting due to travels

Stefaan:

- Maybe they don't know how to chat? You should be surprised if you know how many people of consumer organisations (in general 'older' people) are afraid of these things

Eva:

- Well, the Spanish partners have difficulties to chat because the public administration does not allow the access to chats.
- But some partners from other countries have already participated in online meetings during the last years...

Stefaan:

- Yes, that's true.

Eva:

- As to the meeting, it is important that the partners look for teachers that are really interested in participating.
- We are just elaborating the draft programme.
- We will have two initial speeches from two persons who are significant in the world of education and consumer affairs.

Stefaan:

- What will be on the programme in Valencia? I contacted the National agency two times (for asking them a budget to send more teachers), but no answer from them. Some 30 teachers sent me an e-mail to let me know their interest, and some of them are interesting.
- I think there should be a good balance between speeches and activities in which teachers can participate themselves and get to know each other, so they can start working together in the future.

Eva:

- We will send a draft programme soon.
- This programme will be structured as follows:

Stefaan:

- Last year (Sofia) we got the opportunity to send 5 teachers, but we only sent 4. Those 4 didn't all develop a Comenius project (due to practical reasons and lack of motivation I guess). Will there be moments that teachers who want to work together in the future can get together?

Eva:

- After the two initial speeches, we will have 5 speeches of 15 minutes each and 5 project proposals of 15 minutes each related to the subjects energy saving and responsible consumption.
- Then 3 speeches and 3 projects proposals of 15 minutes each related to responsible consumption and climate change.
- Then, 2 speeches about how to carry out European projects and the remaining time will be spent in working groups divided in three different rooms.

Stefaan:

- Project proposals meaning teachers looking for partners? That's good.

Eva:

- Room 1: responsible consumption in general.
- Room 2: responsible consumption and energy saving
- Room 3: responsible consumption and climate change

Stefaan:

- Will you use a template for project proposals (to fill in by teachers before they come to Valencia) as you did in Sofia?
- Maybe you should insist more that every country sends at least 1 teacher financed by your budget and 1 teacher financed by their national agency, Climate change, energy saving etc... are hot items today, so this should be possible...

Eva:

- Yes, new project proposals presented by teachers looking for partners but also presentations of projects already carried out.
- This is our intention, but the national agencies not always have a budget, therefore, we have the possibility to finance at least 1 teacher from each country

Stefaan:

- I'm afraid there will be a lot of Spanish teachers, but hardly any teachers from the other countries.

Eva:

- In order to avoid this, we have a budget to finance 1 teacher from each partner country.

Stefaan:

- How can we change that? I will contact my national agency and tell them it's important to send 4 our teachers to Valencia. But I can only do this when I know other countries will do the same, and those teachers can really meet people in Spain.

Eva:

- We are also in contact with our national agency and maybe there is the possibility to convert this meeting into a contact seminar. In this case, the national agencies have more possibilities to finance teachers.

Stefaan:

- That would be a good idea.
- When will you know if this is possible?

Eva:

- We have asked our national agency to contact all other agencies to inform them about the meeting and to ask for the financial support.
- We do not know... we can only contact them and use all possibilities... but this year, the national agency seems to be more willing to participate.

Stefaan:

- Maybe you could send a mail to all the participating countries in the project and ask them to contact their national agency and ask them to finance more teachers for Valencia?

Eva:

- I have sent an e-mail to all partners asking them to contact their agencies, to spread the press note and the information sheet; we have also contacted all European agencies directly.
- We will send a new e-mail to all partners as well as the minutes of this online meeting.

Stefaan:

- Yes, I know. I have the impression that the teachers are really interested (energy, climate change,... everyone is talking about it nowadays and we got some motivated reactions), we should find a way to get them together...

Eva:

- The most important is the right dissemination of this meeting, but for this work we need the help of the partners.
- Are you going to participate in the exhibition which will be set up in Valencia?

Stefaan:

- I regret the fact that no one is here today: Portugal, Poland, Luxembourg, etc... where are they? They don't show great interest here.
- Yes, I will take some recent brochures etc... from OIVO-CRIOC...

Eva:

- The only partners that have informed us that they cannot participate are Bulgaria and Germany.

Stefaan:

- Off course, they are all in French and dutch, so nobody can read them.

Eva:

- No reaction from the others.

Stefaan:

- That's a shame. More than that: it shows they are not really interested.

Eva:

- But French is a rather common language.
- Well, we hope they will actively disseminate the information of the meeting and look for teachers
- We want to organize a meeting with 150 participants
- And we want to have participants from all over Europe, at least from the participating countries.

Stefaan:

- Of course, that's the way it should be

Eva:

- We are 18 partners from 15 countries.
- Well, Stefaan, do you have any other question regarding the meeting?
- I have received your e-mail regarding the transport and accommodation, which I will answer today by e-mail...

Stefaan:

- No, not really – maybe about the template? If you send that one to the participating countries they will understand more they'll have to look for teachers who are willing to start a project, I think. Thanks for answering my mail today.

Eva:

- What do you mean with template?
- We have already informed all partners that the teachers coming to Valencia have to be interested in the subjects of the meeting, interested in new projects and collaborations.

Stefaan:

- Last year (Sofia) we got a template that teachers had to fill in: contact information, title or some ideas on a project that wanted to start... It's easier to get them together if they do so, I guess

Eva:

- Ok, I understand. You will find this questionnaire together with the registration form which is available on the e-cons website.
- For the last meetings, we had different registration forms in the internet. This year, we have only one registration form on the website. This form is for the teachers and other participants. The partners have received a shorter registration form in a separate e-mail.
- We will put them on the website and also at one stand in the exhibition room, as we have done during the last meetings.
- That way, all teachers and participants can read the project proposals and contact the corresponding teachers
- As last years, we also ask for a photo to be included in this form, so that the contact between the teachers can be some easier

Stefaan:

- OK – maybe it's also possible to send the project proposals to the partners before the meeting in Valencia. They can send it to the teachers and they can already think about it before coming to Valencia. I don't know...

Eva:

- All completed questionnaires (project proposals) will be placed on the e-cons website so that everybody can have access to the proposals before the meeting.
- We have done this already for the last meeting in Sofia.

Stefaan:

- OK

Eva:

- We try to provide as much as possible information to the teachers beforehand but it is important that the partners inform the teachers accordingly

Stefaan:

- Yes, of course.
- I think we can end the chat here. If there are more questions you can always contact me in Brussels, of course.

Nieves Álvarez:

- Ok, Stefaan.

Eva:

- Ok. Thanks a lot Stefaan for your participation. You can also send us all your comments and questions by e-mail.

Stefaan:

- Thank you for organising the meeting. And hear or see you later. Bye.

Eva:

- Thanks and see you soon. Bye.

Nieves Álvarez:

- Bye, thanks