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Evaluation Summary

2nd Transnational Meeting

02.-06.03.2015; Radviliskis, Lithuania

The 2nd meeting has been evaluated directly after the meeting with short statements by the partners, which were recorded as videos. In addition the partners were asked to answer some questions in written form some time after the meeting after they had time to reflect about the meeting and think about the different aspects and methods used during the workshops. This document is a summary of the comments by the partners.

1. What were your expectations on the workshops in Radviliskis, Lithuania?

The partners expected the workshops to be similar to the one they had together in Ankara. They were interested how the methods work with different target groups, including librarians, teachers and students. The different target groups would bring different angels and viewpoints to the project. One partner also mentioned that he expected that participants would reach to at least 5 new concrete library services. The partners were interested in seeing the practical use of new methods and tools in leading such kind of trainings. They wanted to understand the problems, state of the art of the services and identify the needs for improvements.

Other expectations were to change the attitude of the participants towards the service of school libraries and make the librarians to think about different aspects of library services, a new perception of a library user and gain inspiration for having smart ICT services in their libraries.

2. Did the workshops meet your expectations?

Partner answered that it was very interesting to see that the same methods work very different with different target groups and how different students and teachers are thinking. The librarians were quite limited in their imagination what they could change in their library and how to do it. Sometimes it seemed that they were not too much interested in change. The students were thinking out of the box, but sometimes too far away from what we can do today. It was also interesting to find out how they all concentrated on the library as a physical space. Especially the librarians were not very familiar with the Web 2.0 and social media. However, this showed their needs and the possibility to address this lack in knowledge and skills through in-service training.

The partners also observed that the participants sometimes reacted in a different way than expected. These observations and reflections will help to organize the next workshops. Another observation was, that running the workshop dealing with 2 languages needs more time and can be tiring.

During the 5-day meeting together running the workshops the partnership became a real team in working together.

3. What did you learn during the workshops?

The partners learned in more depth how the different methods are working and how different target groups react to them. The partners who were observing the workshop and taking notes found this very useful also for organizing the workshops in their countries. This helped to understand that every single detail matters. The innovative forms and non-traditional tools used in the workshops involved the participants in games, which supported them in broadening their knowledge and competencies and generating many ideas for the development of new smart services.

The partners also mentioned the big gap between students and teachers and librarians regarding their awareness and knowledge about social media. Maybe it would be good to train the participants first on social media and then expect them to create new services using this newly acquired knowledge. Therefore, the librarians have to be open for change and new things. Another partner mentioned that it is good to bring different target groups together so that they can learn from each other.

4. What would you like to change for the next workshops?

The partners wrote down the following aspects or areas for improvement:

- better information about the participants and their level of awareness and knowledge about web 2.0 in order to make the planning of the workshop easier
- all partners should be aware of their role during the workshops – it is not just about observing, but also about running the workshop together
- keeping in mind that translation takes time
- clear connections between the parts of the workshop and the specific aim of each activity, how the activities are related and at the same time contribute to the main goal
- more time for group work and interactions between the participants as well as more activities to encourage experience sharing
- including study visits to the local libraries into the program to see how they work

5. Do you feel confident about the next steps in the project?

All partners feel confident about the next steps in the project and the implementation in their organization in order to make it more attractive and a useful place for the local community through the new smart services developed within the project. The project is a learning process. It is not only about services to develop, but also about developing and improving the methodology. One partner feels especially confident about the next workshop, because now he knows what to do and how to do it even better, since each workshop teaches something new.