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What is LeaCoMM? (and what have we been doing?)

LeaCoMM is a pan-European project with the aim of establishing an online platform for teachers in Europe who work with multicultural, multiethnic, multilingual and multireligious learners in their classroom or school environment. The Platform will be a one-stop-shop resource for the Educational Professional including a library, resource materials, enhancement modules and a discussion and share forum.

LeaCoMM is a product of cooperation between six partner organisations across Europe – Anton Martin Slomšek Institute (ZAMS) in Maribor, Slovenia, Institute of Education and Youth Studies Association, Turkey, Desmos NGO in Katerini, Greece, Exchange House Ireland National Travellers Service in Dublin, Ireland, the Federal School Board Stuttgart in Stuttgart, Germany, with the lead partner being Soros International House in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Project Updates in Brief:

- The partners have held meetings in Maribor, Slovenia, Ankara in Turkey, and Dublin in Ireland.
- Designed and produced the 'State of the Art Report', a 'Needs Analysis', and 'Quality Standards and Criteria'.
- Established the Project Councils in each partner country.
- Design and continue to pilot and develop the LeaCoMM online platform.
- Held regional conferences across Europe.

- The project has its own website www.leacomm.eu which gives information about the project and up-to-date news from all six partners in all six languages.
- The platform is now online and you can create your own account and access educational resources and supports anytime. <http://www.u3p.si/leacomm1/>

The partners are due to meet again in Vilnius, Lithuania this coming June. At this meeting each partner will present their work, conduct monitoring and evaluation, and plan for the next stage of the project.

We are now LIVE on Twitter!

As part of the dissemination strategy the LeaCoMM team has embraced online social media. They are sharing news, information, events, and updates instantly through twitter.



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Project Team Meet in Ireland

The Staff involved in the LeaCoMM project flew in from across Europe on Monday, April 13th to the capital city of Dublin in Ireland.

The meeting took place over two days in the host and partner organisation; Exchange House Ireland National Travellers' Service, on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th of April. The co-ordinating organisation Soras International House from Lithuania prepared an extensive agenda covering a multitude of key areas and issues for project reflection, progression and planning. Topics covered during the project meeting included updates on the piloting of the platform, an introduction and update from the new Turkish partners 'Institute of Education and Youth Studies Association (EGECED), reflections on the results of the progress report assessments. On the second day of the meeting, the external evaluator provided an update on the project evaluations for the first year, and informed partners of their required tasks for the second year of the project. The partner meeting also provided partners with the opportunity to work on communication and co-operation as a team.

Overall, the meeting in Dublin was highly successful and partners involved felt they had the opportunity to reflect on the work completed to date, highlight the tremendous progress of the project, and develop plans for the tasks for the rest of 2015. The next meeting is due to take place in Lithuania this coming June.



LeaCoMM on Twitter

The screenshot shows the Twitter profile for LeaCoMM (@LeaCoMM_eu). The profile includes the LeaCoMM logo, 15 tweets, 167 followers, and 20 following. The bio states: "Learning Community Migration & Minorities: Platform for Teachers & Teacher Educators. Tweets are the views of the author only and not of the European Commission." The website listed is leacomm.eu. A tweet from May 27 is visible, mentioning U. Brittinger presenting LeaCoMM at the Linguistics University of Nizhni Novgorod.

IHWO Director's Conference

In Belfast

The International House World Organisation (IHWO) Directors' Conference took place in Belfast on 25th – 28th April, 2015. This year's conference was record breaking on several levels, the first being that there were the largest ever number of delegates in attendance – over 140 delegates representing 88 IH schools coming from over 40 countries.

The annual IHWO Directors' conference is a unique opportunity for school directors from International House schools around the globe to come together and learn from each other and exchange ideas. IHWO and IH Belfast put together a fantastic programme of internal and external speakers and social events for the delegates who came from across Europe, China, Africa, North and South America, and Australasia.

At the conference SIH was represented by its director Daiva Malinauskienė, who took advantage of this opportunity to present the LeaCoMM project to the international community of language school directors.