



Séminaire final
Final Seminar
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Innovation

workshop B

Innovation

- At different levels
- With different actors

Innovation implies

- Methodologies
 - ICTs
 - Testing and assessment
 - Young learners
 - The key role of oral interaction
 - Motivation

Innovation implies

- Communication
 - Also with institutions
- Ways of informing people
 - esp. Public opinion

Innovation implies

- **Cooperation**
 - Language (1)
 - Cultures (more than 1)
 - Teachers of different languages
- **Mobility**

Good practice

- is motivating for students
- topics:
 - Culturally oriented → they learn about the world and themselves
 - Centred on current affairs / everyday life
- is centred around
 - a question (→ answers)
 - a problem (→ solution)

Good practice

- makes students do things (useful)
- helps st's reflection, self-assessment
- working together (in pairs, in groups)
- is varied



Good practice

- asks teachers to be flexible
- implies a change in the T's attitudes towards testing and assessment
- might be applied to different contexts, works with different teachers and students

The most interesting innovations at a European level

- learning languages at an early age
- the use of CEF
- certifications
- eTwinning
- CLIL / EMILE
- lifelong learning programme

How to get information about innovations and good practices?

- teachers' meetings → sharing ideas, information
- the net
- ECML (Graz)
- The European Label for languages



*How to spread information about innovations
and good practices?*

**What works in a context
doesn't always work in other
contexts**

How to spread information about innovations and good practices?

- passing information is not the same as passing the message
 - newsletter, websites, email
 - ...
- vs
- passing the message
 - meeting face to face → reflection
 - Reflection → change → better practices

How to spread information about innovations and good practices?

- starting from what already exists
 - European projects
 - Websites
- teachers' meetings
 - meetings at a European level
 - virtual meetings of teachers
- sharing information about innovative projects and ideas through grids, database, archives...

What can REAL do to help innovation?

- encouraging mobility of teachers with innovative ideas
- setting up a framework for teachers' meetings, workshops, projects (international, cross-cultural)
- “démarche qualité ”
- through an editorial committee

REAL

concrete steps / actions

- a glossary
Exploiting the differences among countries as to certain concepts (e.g. intercultural competence)
- « co-formation »
We see « practices »
We share them
We learn together (as pairs)
- evaluating projects / practices / experiences →
criteria → good practice