Séminaire final
Final Seminar
17 - 18 septembre 2007
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