



# **ICT and Languages: evidence from the Lifelong Learning Programme**

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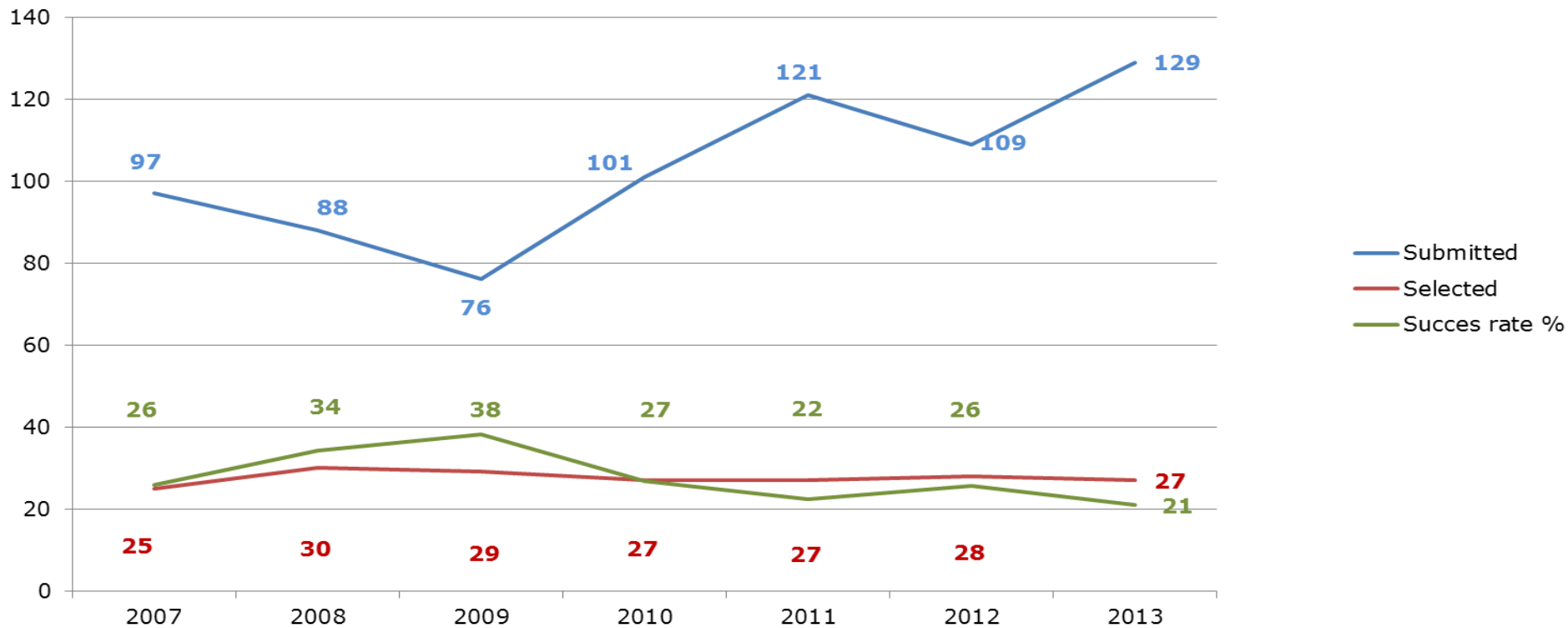


# Lifelong Learning Programme 2007-2013



Comenius	Erasmus	Leonardo da Vinci	Grundtvig
School education	Higher education & advanced training	Vocational education and training	Adult education
<i>opportunities for learning languages</i>			
<b>Transversal Programme</b>			
4 key activities	<b>KA1</b> Policy Cooperation; <b>KA2 Languages</b> ; <b>KA3</b> ICT <b>KA4</b> Dissemination and exploitation of results (valorisation)		
<b>Jean Monnet</b>			
3 key activities	– Jean Monnet Action; European Institutions; European associations		

## KA2 Languages demand and success rate



Around 70 M € grants distributed between 2007 and 2013

## Evidence from the Lifelong Learning Programme

- Full online language courses
- Repositories
- Support for teachers
- Specific Tools
- Specific fields

## Online language courses



Multilingual platform for learning  
German (A1, A2, B1)

<http://deutsch.info>



Multilingual platform for learning  
Slovak (on-line courses for A1, A2)

<http://www.slovake.eu>



Online portal and e-learning course  
of Modern Greek (C1 & C2)

<http://www.ellinikiglossa.eu>

# Online repositories



## Aim

To create a multilingual online resource centre for foreign language learning

## Approach

Quality assurance process (selection)  
Sources reviewed by users  
Different learning styles considered

## Outputs

Over 3.500 good online resources for learning and teaching any modern foreign language

Multilingual set of descriptors (catalogue)

Site developed in 32 languages (including world languages)

Focus on supporting adult language learners

<http://www.linguanet-worldwide.org/>

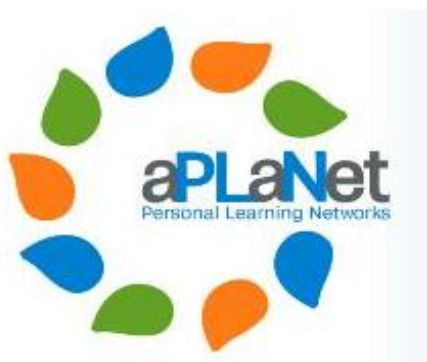
# Teacher support

## Aim

Develop training paths and resources to allow language teachers to develop their Personal Learning Networks (PLN)

## Approach

Informal peer-to-peer learning



## Autonomous 'Personal Learning Networks' For Language Teachers

## Outputs

Mentor toolkit

Teacher toolkit

Language Resource Filtering Application

Community building

<http://www.aplanet-project.eu/index.php>

<http://aplanet-project.org/>

# Specific Tools



## Aim

Help teachers to integrate the interactive whiteboard (IWB) in the communicative language classroom

## Approach

Interactive teaching using technology  
Reflective practice (teachers & learners)  
Open source materials

# Interactive Technologies in Language Teaching

## Outputs

250 short video clips of classroom practice

iTILT Training Handbook

Teaching materials (EN, FR, ES, DE, TK, Welsh) – A1 to C2 levels

iTILT Library with IWB materials free of charge

<http://www.itilt.eu/>



# Specific tools

Are you teaching a language? Join the SpeakApps community



## Aim

To create a free and open online platform with ICT-based apps and pedagogies to improve oral skills online

## Approach

User-centered designed perspective  
Open source tools  
On-line communities (teacher & learners)

## Outputs

3 online tools in 6 European languages

1 working environment

Repository of tasks for practicing

Community of practice

<http://speakapps.org/>

# Languages & Business

## Aim

To provide a virtual learning space where students can practice business communication skills in English with a Practice Enterprise environment

## Approach

Virtual language learning environment (VLE)

Intercultural communication

Task and context-based language learning

## Outputs

Virtual learning environment (VLE)

Training courses in VLE (EN, DE, ES, CZ, FI)

Authentic pedagogical materials for practice of business English

Teacher support material



<http://www.pellic.eu/>

<http://projects.ael.unituebingen.de/pellic/>

## What's in ICT for language learning?

- Accessibility
- Connectivity
- Flexibility
- Adaptability
- Creativity
- Innovation
- ...

## What's in language learning for ICT?

An ideal field to push further, test, pilot, and apply technologies to education

More information on the achievements of the Lifelong  
learning Programme

**Funded projects**

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/results\\_projects/project\\_compedia\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/results_projects/project_compedia_en.php)

**Reports and final results**

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/project\\_reports/project\\_reports\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/project_reports/project_reports_en.php)

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