Partnership

4 partners from 4 different European countries are involved in the project:

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CONTEXT

According to both the Council of Europe and the European Union, mobility is one of the cornerstones of the European society. Though, the lack of language competences is still one of the main barriers to participation in European education, training and youth programmes. With 4 million participants by 2020, Erasmus+ is a unique opportunity to study, train, gain work experience or volunteer abroad (EU, 2013). As languages are the heart of mutual understanding and comprehension, it is essential to promote language learning for Erasmus+ KA1 mobility participants.

AIM

The OPENLang Network project aims specifically at developing a network which envisages to connect all the Erasmus+ KA1 Mobility participants (HE students and staff, VET (at least 1 month mobility), Adult and School education staff, Youth learners, Youth Workers, Youth Entrepreneurs) in an OPEN informal and highly interactive online environment which could support more efficiently their effort to raise language awareness of the target mobility EU languages and to develop European intercultural knowledge. The project also aims at language teachers joining this network and voluntarily supporting this initiative.

TARGET GROUPS

The target groups of the OPENLang Network project are:

- Erasmus+ KA1 mobility participants (HE students & staff, VET, Adult & School education staff, Youth learners, Youth Workers, Youth Entrepreneurs) that need to boost their language skills (24 EU) and cultural awareness including those who will not enroll in the OLS courses;

- volunteers language teachers who will support the Erasmus+ KA1 mobility participants offering their professional experience while receiving professional certified training on the creation, sharing and use of language OERs.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The main expected project results include:

- development of an open highly interactive, collaborative and multiservice web and mobile-based platform which will offer a variety of e-services as well educational and cultural material;

- teachers' professional development: all teachers who will voluntarily support this initiative will have the possibility to attend the MOOC offered by the OPENLang Network and to participate in a number of activities that will broaden their professional network.