STELA Project

STELA (2020-2023) is an Erasmus+ strategic partnerships for school education, which seeks to promote storytelling as a method among language teachers and thus contribute to improving the national and European language learning policies. The project directly supports the strategy by contributing to promote key competences, specifically - by promoting comprehensive approach to language teaching and learning.

Project Title:
STELA: Storytelling for Teaching English as Second Language
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Project Objectives:

- to engage students in learning English language via an innovative method - storytelling and dedicated digital tools - a digital storytelling software for creating their own stories.
- to enhance professional competences of language teaching and learning educators by promoting storytelling as a comprehensive approach for teaching English.

Storytelling

Storytelling is one of the oldest forms of human communication, and much has been said in the literature about its effectiveness as a pedagogical tool in the development of language skills, regardless of learners' age or background. Studies believe that effectiveness of storytelling relies on the fact that it is fun, engaging and highly memorable, raising learners' interest in listening to stories, as well as in speaking, writing, and reading about them. Storytelling is, therefore, considered to be a powerful instrument to motivate learners to learn languages by engaging and encouraging them to actively participate in the language learning process.

Together with storytelling methodology, STELA project will integrate digital tools made to visualize these stories. By combining creativity (storytelling) and technology (digital story telling tools) the project seeks to respond to the language teacher needs and to contribute to the national and European language learning policies.

Target Groups:

- Students aged 15-18
- Language teachers and trainers

Project Outputs

1. STELA Feasibility Study

- Learning requirements of teenage students in different European countries and how these requirements are currently being addressed.
- The preferred learning styles of contemporary teenager learners and preferred language teaching methods used currently by the language teachers.
- Pedagogy trends in connection with use of storytelling method – cases of educational storytelling and related ICT proving a significant impact on students' learning achievements.

2. STELA Pedagogical Framework

This study aims to define a compact framework of learning design used within appropriate teaching and learning paradigm developing the common pedagogical framework (educational

goals, methodology, learning activities, evaluation methodology, and guidance for teachers). It will include lesson plans and student materials to be used by teachers and students in lessons.

3. Guidelines for STELA Digital Storytelling

STELA Project will produce Guidelines for Digital Storytelling, including three instructional animations.

Digital Storytelling

The digital storytelling is a new way to use multiple media to tell stories and in the ability of kids, who are now growing up in a digital world, to figure out new ways to tell stories.

Digital storytelling can provide learners with a great opportunity to absorb information in a significant way. This is why digital storytelling allow trainers to truly engage students in the story's messages while they are getting more skilled in foreign languages.

STELA Partnership

The project partnership consists of 7 institutions from 6 different countries. These institutions are;

- The Corporation of NCG - UNITED KINGDOM
- Viesoji Istaiga Svietimo Ir Kulturos Mobiliuju Technologiju Institutas - LITHUANIA
- IFPRA De Normandie - FRANCE
- Pomo Giovina - ITALY
- Onageb.Spain S.L. - SPAIN
- Zeynep Mehmet Donmez Mesleki ve Teknik Anadolu Lisesi - TURKEY
- Profesinio Mokymo Centras Zirmunai – LITHUANIA

The project activities will be conducted in 6 partner countries. There will be a series of common activities, meetings and events organized to ensure the quality and the results of the developed STELA method and its instruments.

STELA Erasmus+ Project

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