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DYS 2.0 games piloting in Lithuania

In Lithuania there are some types of specialists (language specialists, special trainers) who work with dyslexic people. Mostly these specialists work in schools (primary, basic, secondary and gymnasiums), clinics, educational psychological services and etc.



At the first stage of the project dissemination we tried to find institutions and specialized trainers who would be interested to try DYS 2.0 games. We sent e-mails, had phone calls to different institutions where works specialized trainers, to associations of specialized trainers, to Lithuania Dyslexia Association, to universities and colleges who prepare specialized trainers, and other related with dyslexia institutions. Information about DYS 2.0 games continuously was published into blog (blog address: <http://dys2.blogspot.com/>), also into specialised trainers association's websites, online networks and forums for specialised trainers and etc.

In Lithuania piloting of DYS 2.0 games was carried out online during February, 2011. 19 trainers and dyslexia specialist and 20 dyslexic young adults participated into piloting.

On 23rd of February 2011 it was organized piloting seminar for specialised trainers, teachers and lecturers in Kaunas University of Technology computer classroom. There was project results dissemination, practical testing of games, and direct feedback about games. We got very useful recommendations from participants of piloting for the improvement of games.

Some trainers organized the piloting with their students in their organizations. They had individual meetings with trainer and played game with their trainer, later students tried the games at home. Trainers organized meetings with their students according their individual plan and involved there testing of DYS 2.0 games.



Some feedback from specialists who participated into piloting:

“Educational games are interesting, developing visual memory”.

“Games are interesting, developing educational memory, observation, identification of objects or events.”

„They were really interested in playing. I was testing with pupils with reading difficulties. Of course, some tasks were too difficult for them but maybe later they will overcome them :)“

The trainers who participated into piloting are planning to use the games and after the piloting in their work with their students.



National Conference of Czech Dyslexia Association in Prague

On 20th of April the National Conference of Czech Dyslexia Association took place in Prague. Psychologists, specialized teachers and trainers and other people interested in dyslexia got together to present new interesting ideas and products in the area of dyslexia.

DYS 2.0 games were on agenda and the participants were very interested in information about piloting the games and reception of young

people. The participants were very interested in using the games in the Czech Republic and other European countries as well. The presentation prepared by Euroface Consulting was supported by specialized teachers involved in piloting by practical observations. The conference brought to the project new contacts and new opportunities for DYS 2.0 games implementation.



DYS 2.0 partners developed sustainability

DYS 2.0 partners developed sustainability plans to ensure the use of learning games by our target groups beyond the project life. So, all partners established a cooperation with their national Dyslexia Associations and involved them into the pilots. Several other activities are planned, eg the development of a GRUNDTVIG seminar in Cyprus which will take place in May 2012, the transfer of learning games to new languages particular to Turkish.

E-learning concepts/Austria in the ORSEN project

E-learning concepts/Austria became a partner of the ORSEN project which is addressed on the development & adaption of curricula in the field of special education needs.

We presented the DYS 2.0 results and acquired new users in Spain, Ireland and Cyprus (see the picture below).



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