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Lithuania: Julita Pigulevičienė

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E-Learning Technology Center at Kaunas University of Technology is a partner of Grundtvig Project “Train your senses - DYS 2.0”.

DYS 2.0 project was disseminated by E-Learning Technology Center staff in two large international events in Lithuania - exhibition Baltic EXPRO+ and conference “Innovation and Creativity in E-Learning”.

12th of November, 2009 Education Exchanges Support Foundation organized an international event Baltic EXPRO+ in Siauliai arena. During this event the exhibition of the Baltic countries educational institutions executed international projects took place, and there was presented project DYS 2.0.

20th of November, 2009 the international conference “Innovation and Creativity in E-Learning” was organised by Kaunas University of Technology and it was financed by National programme “Lithuanian Virtual University 2007-2012“. DYS 2.0 project was presented to the conference participants.



International exhibition Baltic EXPRO+



International conference “Innovation and Creativity in E-Learning”



Cyprus: Klitos Symeonidis

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Cyprus is very glad to participate in DYS2 project and share ideas, experiences and good practices in a very important area of human activity, the area of Dyslexia. It is the honor of the Cyprus Adult Education Association to be partner and cooperate with distinguish partners from other countries. It is more important that the project addresses employability opportunities for young dyslexic, an area which is unknown in many counties. Dyslexia was seeing as a children decease and other age groups were not affected.

Recently Cyprus is showing improvements in knowledge and practices on Dyslexia. Awareness of the people about the problem is growing and there is now more acceptance and positive attitude towards dyslexic people. Both the Government and non governmental organizations are intensifying efforts. There is stable growing awareness, due to EU projects like the DYS2 project.

The Ministry of Education and Culture is developing policies to deal with the problem and to implement the recent special law on disabilities. Non governmental organizations such as the Cyprus Dyslexia Association are taking a leading role.

Those involved in Dyslexia are ready to cooperate for the success of the project. Key persons on dyslexia have already being informed about the project and have expressed their satisfaction and readiness to cooperate. The Services of the Ministry of Education which are responsible for disabilities at schools, the employers organizations, the Dyslexia associations will join their efforts.

The mass media are ready to play their crucial role and develop the awareness of the people especially of the need to explore the area of dyslexia in the work places and in the employment field.

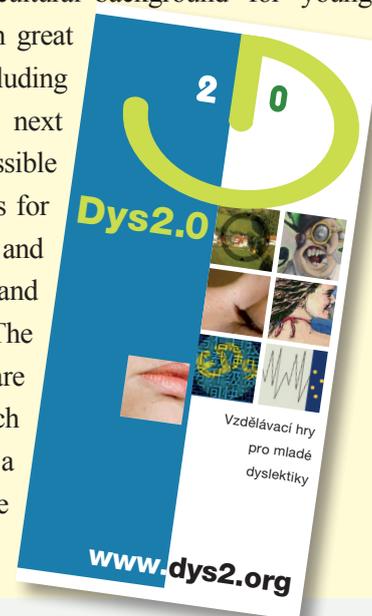
We are enclosing a document informing people about the project.

Czech Republic: Kateřina Nevalova

175 games translated into Czech language.

About 175 games for young dyslectic adults developing their skills in 7 areas of particular importance were translated into Czech language.

The games are product of the EDysGate project proceeding to current project DYS 2.0, where is Czech Republic included into partnership. The translations and adaptations were provided from October 2009 till January 2010. It was proved that not much adaptation is necessary. The social and cultural background for young adults is very similar in great part of Europe including Czech Republic. In next months there will be possible to establish the accounts for Czech users – teachers and young dyslectic adults – and test the games. The supporting materials are also prepared in the Czech language – a poster and a folder with the unique and very original design.



Germany: Marek Suchowski

The topic of dyslexia

is completely new to me and reveals new perspectives on common problems. To get into it I started with attending 2 events offering insights on the issue, especially for software developers. Fraunhofer Institute "UI Design without Frontiers" gave plenty of useful information regarding user interface design for disabled target audience groups.

First prototypes in Adobe Flash have been designed, with these newly gained knowledge in mind, I hope to be able to show something soon.

All in all the early conceptional phase has not ended yet, I'm waiting for the final usage scenarios to draw a final conclusion on that.

Dr. Petra Rietsch, project manager of DYS 2.0

LLP Infoday in Helsinki

I would like to inform about my participation at the Infoday in Helsinki on November 23, 2009. I was invited by the Executive Agency Education, Audiovisual & Culture (EACEA) to participate at the round table presentation.

App. 300 participants from EC member states attended this event. The aim of the Infoday was to provide support to potential promoters. How can they increase the chances of getting their project selected? How can they find partners from other Participating countries? So, I was asked to tell about experiences made in the successful completed project EDysGate, about success factors in proposal writing and partner search. The conference breaks offered many opportunities to in-

form about DYS 2.0 and to identify potential users of project results outside of our partnership and even outside of our partner countries. So, some of you might remember Anna-Kaarina from the University of Technology in Helsinki and partner of ADysTrain. She told me that her youngsters are still fans of the EDysGate games, her unit at the university is interested in transferring the games to Finland. Or the representative of the University of Special Needs Education in Zuerich was

very interested to learn more about the theoretical background of the games. She and her colleagues will try the German version and give us feedback. It is not possible to report here on all interests and requests which I was faced ;-). But there arised already the next opportunity: the meeting of all project managers in LLP 2009, which will take place in Brussels on January 21-22. I am ready for networking, I will take along our folder and poster and this time my camera too!

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/events/infodays_2010/infoday_llp_2010_en.php



Kick-off meeting: 25–26 November 2009, Neusiedl, Austria

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Dyslexia Update – January 2010

This is a brief update on various projects, trying to be in the style of Twitter (< 140 chrs). If reading this in electronic form, click on any link with an underline and go directly to the website.

Adystrain (www.adystrain.org)

Training for managers and tutors supporting dyslexic individuals, with online e-books. Contents available in EN, FI, DE, HU, BG, ES.

Embed (www.embeddyslexia.eu)

Self-evaluation tools for institutions now available as well as teachers self-assessment. Also self-learning modules. Available in EN, HU, BG, ES and IT.

Please help the Embed European Assistive Technology Survey by completing the online form at <http://tinyurl.com/embedtechnologysurvey> (NB If you want to return to it later, copy that long web address at the top. It refers just to your data.)

Dessdys

Online e-learning on study skills. Available by April 2010 in EN, BG, HU, IT and TR.

Dys2 (Son of www.edysgate.org)

Edysgate won a UNESCO World Summit Award for Best in E-Content and Creativity in 2009. This is games and activities that may be used by tutors to help develop cognitive skills.

Dys2 is Son of Edysgate. It is in development but Edysgate is still online at www.edysgate.org. Languages of Edysgate – EN, BG, DE, DK, ES.

iSheds (www.isheds.eu)

Developing dyslexia support in higher education in Bosnian, Croatian, Hungarian, Romanian, Serbian and Slovenian as well as English. E-books online in March 2010 for students and support workers. (N.B. Upgrading early January 2010. Some downtime may be experienced.)

Dyslexia Veto

BDA-led project on European dissemination of the Quality Mark, creating dyslexia friendly vocational training centres in Bulgaria, Hungary, Italy, Romania and the UK. Website launch in February 2010.

Ikonmaps (www.ikonmap.com)

Intuitive, free, multilingual, online concept mapping designed for dyslexic individuals. We have menu translations for Bosnian, BG, Croatian, HU,

IT, RO, Serbian, Slovenian, Welsh. Please email if you can supply in other languages. (Needs less than 20 words translated!)

Technodys Blog

(<http://technodys.blogspot.com>)

Now over 500 entries covering all aspects of assistive technology that is useful for the dyslexic individual.

Dyslexia Contacts

(www.wdnf.info/contacts.html)

GeoDysCo - an open access international, national, local and individual contacts database with GeoMaps I have been developing – is launched in a Beta version. If you/your organisation wish to be listed or know others, please the web page for details.

Conferences

BDA Workshop 23/24 Feb and Conference 25-26 Feb – Liverpool
www.bdadyslexia.org.uk

EDA International Conference:

Bruges 22-24 April

<http://www.khbo.be/eda-khbo-dyslexiaconference>

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