A new era of education: 21st century skills

Job shadowing: EOI – Barcelona Drassanes
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About partner

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Why EOI was chosen as host for job shadowing mobility:

- Language learning included in official adult education in Spain (as it is in Croatia) and EOI is a part of official language schools network
- Similar structure of language courses offered (within the Common European Framework for Foreign Languages)
- Large number of students per year, requires highly structured organization
- Previous collaboration on writing a KA2 project



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Interesting facts about EOI

- All official language courses are subsidized by Spanish Government
- State is official employer for teachers entire HR (including payroll) governed by the state
- Full-time teacher job is 20 x 60 min in class plus 20 hr/week for other activities and preparation
- School offers "special courses" that are not a part of adult education, non-subsidized but students can receive grants
- Budgeting is done by school as a private entity, but all acquisitions over 18.000 EUR need to go through public procurement





Topis of interest Marketing

- 3-person marketing team, includes two teachers and one admin
- 14.500 EUR yearly marketing budget, despite the subsidized courses
- Marketing relies heavily on student perception why do they come to EOI
- All teachers are actively involved in marketing through:
 - Organizing "cultural events"
 - Researching student opinions on school
 - Researching public opinion (e.g. in front of the school)
 - Student magazine





Topis of interest Marketing

- Yearly SWAT analysis as basis for marketing strategy
- Create customer journey map
- Compare school's self-reflection with students' perception
 - how did they hear about the school
 - main element for making the decision
 - their perception of school's strongest aspects
- Use analysis to create **CORE MESSAGE** and implement core message in all activities, including teaching & cultural events



Teaching & Methodology

- For the most part identical approach as in Jantar (similar textbooks, syllabus approach, DOS supervision, etc.)
- Interesting examples that could be applied in Jantar:
 - Use mind maps to outline new materials and give a clear picture about assessment topics and scoring system
 - When books start with pieces of information instead of complete texts, start with end-of-the lecture text and work backwards.
 - Ask students to create homework videos that include everything that was learned in a particular unit





4 Punkte

Temporaladverbien:

zurzeit, vorher währenddessen

3 Punkte

Präfixe bei Verben: anfangen, berkommen, zumick





Deutsche Geschichte

(Nistorische Texte lesen)

Reflexiv und Reziprok:

2 Punkte

VERGANGENES FRZÄHLEN

Endprojekt:

Persönliche Biografie Temporalkonnektoren

(nachdem – bevor - als)

4 Punkte

Verben: Präteritum/ Plusguamperfekt

4 Punkte

Beziehungen beschreiben

(gut verstehen, nicht ausstehen...)

Auch Adj./Nomen: höflich, nett, kühl, Vertrauen, Rücksicht,) 4 Punkte

Vokabular Familie-Kindheit

(Mutter, Schwager...)

Redemittel Biografie

(wurde geboren/ mit 13) 4 Punkte

Topis of interest

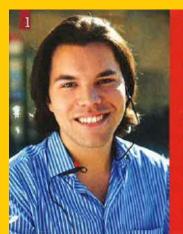
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Example of a mind map with point breakdown for assessment





Teaching & Methodology



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Topis of interest Teacher training

- Procedures in place for new teachers
 - Orientation by department head
 - Pedagogical sessions by DOS
 - Discussion based workshops to improve weak points
- CPD designed based on "Communities of Practice" process





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Communities of Practice

- Start with specific problem (i.e. "How to improve writing skills in the classroom")
- Diagnosis stage 5 min individual reflection, 20 min small group discussions
- Formulate concrete questions and put them on a poster
- Create mind map
- Choose speakers and research papers that address the problem
- Discuss learning outcomes, choose most important/appropriate solutions
- Create a written guide
- Implement in class
- Meassure results
- Present results to peers







Teacher training



The ALACT model describing the ideal process of reflection

Construction and Experimentation Creating alternative **Evaluation** methods of action and consolidation Trial Awareness of 3 essential aspects **Planifiction stage** Action Diagnosis stage Looking back on the action

Topis of interest

Teacher training

Systematic Reflective Cycle

(Korthagen, 2001)



Assessment

- External assessment (similar to Cambridge Assessment English)
- Ministry of Education has a team of assessment experts for every language
- Every semester, new assessments are created for every language/level
- All students in all EOI need to take the exam on the same day, same exams for everyone in Catalonia
- Exams are not to be opened prior to entering the class
- Exams are evaluated and graded by the same body at the Ministry

Possible to receive assistance from the European Association of Language Testing and Assessment for implementation on national level.

