



1st Newsletter- (GEM) inter-Generational European Memories

The first step in our work towards the GEM Project was to establish communication tools – a mailing group (grundtviggemproject@googlegroups.com) which was useful for fixing the date of the first meeting in Paris.

The first meeting of GEM partners was on 31st October 2012 in Paris. In the meeting the following organizations participated: Poland, France, Turkey, Austria and Spain. The organization from Italy could not be present. During first part of our meeting every partner presented its organization and experiences in the education of seniors. The Coordinator (Poland) outlined the idea and goals of Project GEM, the basic method of research (biographical method) and next steps in the project. During the meeting, we jointly discussed and agreed issues such as communication tools, dissemination: leaflet design, Facebook account, design and creation of a logo, set a date for the next meeting with partners, and set the end date for the evaluation. Partners have established the following tasks:

- 26-27.02.2013 – next meeting in Seville
- 10.11.2012 – questionnaire on website, evaluation (all partners)
- 15.11.2012 – text for flyer (Poland)
- 15.11.2012 – proposal for logo (Spain)
- 20.11.2012 – project of flyer and logo (Spain)
- 25.11.2012 – facebook group (France)
- 10.11.2012 – first partner activity report (France)
- 20.11. 2012 – Evaluation of first partner meeting, evaluation and report (France)
- 30.11.2012 – first Newsletter: dissemination (Poland)
- 26.02.2013 during next meeting – a course about using Wiki platform (Poland)

In the second part of the meeting the Polish team conducted a workshop on the biographical method: the theory part of the workshop included: what is the biographical method, why is it useful, how can we use this method etc. The workshop also included various exercises that demonstrate the possibilities when using this method.

So far every task has been implemented as planned. Up to the time of the next meeting in Seville each partner should discuss with seniors and staff the accepted methods and working plan in Project GEM. Partners should elaborate the idea how they want to realize the Project GEM in their organizations.

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