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Introduction

The European Workshop for collaborative competencies for Teachers is a training event and part of WP 4.1. The training workshop is directed towards the DTG1 of teachers. The five day workshop took place from October 3-7 in Palermo and was hosted by P1 CESIE (annex I workshop program).

The participants included 26 teachers and 7 non-formal learning experts from the seven partner countries, 1 keynote speaker from Belgium, and 1 school policy expert from Italy (annex II participants list).

Learning objectives for the International Workshops:

- Increased knowledge of non-formal learning practices and RMA as an assessment tool for learners progress
- Increased awareness of collaborative teaching and awareness of impact on student motivation, participation and attainment
- Increased ability to plan student interaction, support and assessment, self and peer assessment
- Increased confidence to deliver collaborative learning with own students and school during the pilot phase.

Evaluation of the learning outcomes on the DTG1 of teachers was carried out daily through a focus group between the non-formal learning experts and their national teachers. The experts used the four pillars of learning as a guideline to assess the increase in knowledge, ability, awareness, and confidence among the teachers . The teachers were asked about their perceptions, opinions, beliefs and attitudes (annex III Teacher Evaluation template).

- Learning to Know: to assess increase in knowledge, the development of needed knowledge and skills.
- Learning to Do: to assess increase in ability, putting knowledge and learning into practice innovatively.
- Learning to Live Together: to assess increase in awareness, the development of social skills and values.
 - Learning to Be: to assess increase in confidence, the all-round development of the whole person.

The non-formal learning experts lead the focus groups daily during the early morning.



Content analysis was conducted on the data collected by the NFL experts throughout the focus group sessions. Each NFL expert provided a filled evaluation form that reflected the increase in knowledge, ability, awareness, and confidence of their national teachers. The data has been coded according to the below mentioned four indicators and content analysis has been conducted.

Indicators for the European Workshop				
Increase Knowledge (Learning to	Increase Ability (Learning to Do)			
Know)				
Increase knowledge of CARMA	Developed skills to put knowledge			
Increase knowledge of RMA	into practice			
	Increase skills to use collaborative methods			
	Lacking skills to put knowledge into			
	practice			
Increase Awareness (Learning to Live Together)	Increase Confidence (Learning to Be)			
Problems and concerns while working in a diverse group	Confidence developed from the workshops			
Social and interpersonal skills developed				

Number of Partners			
P1 CESIE	P4 DOGA		
P2 UM	P5 UCLL		
P3 PISTES	P6 INOVA		
	P7 VM		



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Indicators	Number of partners	Number of coded ¹ quotes	Number of words coded
Increase Knowledge	7	94	495
Increase knowledge of CARMA	7	16	109
Increase knowledge of RMA	7	14	216
Increase Ability	7	125	565
Developed skills to put knowledge into practice	7	109	464
Increase skills to use collaborative methods	7	37	170
Lacking skills to put knowledge into practice	7	18	102
Increase Awareness	7	70	274
Problems and concerns while working in a diverse group	7	18	100
Social and interpersonal skills developed	7	53	174
Increase Confidence	7	36	297
Confidence developed from the workshops	7	36	297

 $^{^{1}\,\}mathrm{Codes}$ are quotes from the focus group sessions.



Increase knowledge among the DTG1 teachers

Increase in knowledge of non-formal learning practices and RMA as an assessment tool for learners progress among the seven partners.

All seven partners reflected positive increase in knowledge of the CARMA project in addition to doubts related to the implementation of the NFL methods in their home schools. They all had previous knowledge provided by NFL experts concerning the aim and goal of the project prior to the workshop.

Increase knowledge of CARMA

"doubts on how to implement in the schools with teachers" CESIE

"it strengthens the connection with schools and students who are disadvantaged" DOGA

"the goals are not so clear" PISTES

"we already knew a lot" UCLL

Increase knowledge of RMA was a big question mark. All seven partners reflected doubts and no clarity in relation to the aim of the method and its implementation in a classroom setting. Nevertheless, appreciation of the method was expressed.

Increase knowledge of RMA

"didn't understand anything", "a big question mark" CESIE

"creating/producing knowledge even you don't have any knowledge about it" DOGA

"learning from others" INOVA

"empowerment personal and collective" PISTES

"it is not clear what it is" UCLL

"not really understood which are the steps" VM

"develop communication skills" UM



Increased ability among the DTG1 teachers

Increase in ability to plan student interaction, support and assessment, self and peer assessment. This includes, developing skills to put knowledge into practice for the use of collaborative methods.

All seven partners expressed increase in ability. That was reflected in naming multiple skills that are needed in a non-formal learning environment. Increase in ability was not evaluated as an actual development of skills and implementation of the learned techniques. But, rather through the awareness the DTG1 of teachers has developed on what skills are needed in order to plan and assess student interaction.

Increase skills to use collaborative methods and to put knowledge into practice.

"capacity to manage students" CESIE

"scaffolding and transmitting the knowledge to others" DOGA

"no fear of risk and experiment" INOVA

"it's important to be able to understand and to be open to understand other perspectives" PISTES

"practical knowledge for different kinds of courses" UCLL

"personal and social abilities" UM

"empathy", "open-minded", "solidarity" VM

The skills which the DTG1 of teachers feel that they are lacking was assessed too. It was evident that most of the partners feel that they need to practice and to test the methods in order to know how they work and how they need to adapt them into their classrooms. Furthermore, it was evident that most of the teachers are still lacking skills in the RMA method and feel they need additional practice/training.

Skills lacking to put knowledge into practice

"I should experience it to understand how it works in my classroom" DOGA

"pedagogical approach" INOVA

"balance between experimentation" PISTES

"need more practice such as RMA" DOGA



Increase awareness among the DTG1 teachers

Increase in awareness of collaborative teaching and awareness of impact on student motivation, participation and attainment.

The increase in awareness was assessed on how the group of DTG1 of teachers were able to work together in a diverse group and the social and interpersonal skills that they were able to develop. This cannot be seen as a reflection of the awareness of the impact on student motivation and participation. Nonetheless, it provides a platform for the teachers to understand what the students might experience and how they might feel. It permits the teachers to be aware of certain uncertainties that might prevail in their classrooms, as they have that self-experienced while working together as a group throughout the workshop.

Social and interpersonal skills developed

"accepting others as they are", "share opinions without judging" CESIE

"communication skills and strategies", "appreciate the different opinions" DOGA

"active listening avoiding conflict", "new learning environments" INOVA

"accept and learn from others feedback", "reformulate and resume" PISTES

"open minded in order to accept the techniques", "come to one understanding" UCLL

"respecting each other", "open-mind", "empath", "respect" UM

"appreciation of the self and other", "understanding", "respect" VM

Problems and concerns that the DTG1 of teachers has experienced throughout the workshop while working in a diverse group was assessed too. The language barrier was a common issue among the seven partners it created some difficulties in communication and led to misunderstandings during the activities. Some felt their opinion was not respected and others felt that their message was not understood.



Problems and concerns while working in a diverse group

"language barrier", "group work was not easy" CESIE

"being respected to my opinion and belief were less than expected and it made me worry" DOGA

"in a group some of the participants are happy and others not" INOVA

"they need to have time alone to reflect" PISTES

"punctuality", "out of comfort zone" UCLL

"language", "not everyone can express easily using English" UM

Increase confidence among the DTG1 teachers

Increase in confidence to deliver collaborative learning with own students and school during the pilot phase.

The level of confidence among the teachers was positively reflected in their quotes. They expressed openness, curiosity, and confidence to learn and work together. The level of confidence has developed throughout the workshop days. In the beginning many teachers were timid and shy to communicate due to the language issue. But this fear grew out throughout the week and at the end of the workshop.

Confidence developed from the workshop

"open for collaboration", "willingness to try new techniques", "open to share" CESIE

"working within a group", "confidence of expressing ourselves" DOGA

"ability to adapt methods to our discipline", "exchange of experiences from teachers" INOVA

"more confident about English", capacity to express", "to deal with fear" PISTES

"value attributed to NFL has changed among teachers", "personal development" UCLL

"use English language", "lateral thinking", "oral abilities" UM

"express the knowledge and experiences previously accumulated" VM



Achievement of the learning outcomes among the seven partners

P1 CESIE: CESIE counted in the middle in comparison to the other partners in increase in knowledge and confidence. Counted higher than most of the partners in increase in awareness, but counted very low in increase ability.

Extra attention might be needed from the NFL experts in order to guide the DTG1 of teachers to increase their ability in planning student interaction, support and assessment, in addition to self and peer assessment.

P2 UM: UM counted the highest in increase in ability and confidence while counting in the middle in comparison to the other partners in increase in knowledge and awareness.

P3 PISTES: PISTES counted high in increase in knowledge and in the middle in increase in ability. But counted low in increase in awareness and confidence in comparison to the other partners.

Extra attention might be needed from the NFL expert in order to guide the DTG1 of teachers to increase their awareness of collaborative teaching its impact on student motivation, participation and attainment. In addition help the DTG1 of teachers in gaining confidence to deliver collaborative learning with their own students and school during the pilot phase.

P4 DOGA: DOGA counted one of the highest in increase in knowledge and the highest among the other partners in increase in awareness. Second highest in increase in ability and confidence.

P5 UCLL: UCLL counted in the middle in comparison to other partners in increase in ability and confidence, but counted on the lower side in comparison to the other partners on increase in knowledge and awareness.

Extra attention might be needed from the NFL expert in order to guide the DTG1 of teachers to increase their knowledge of non-formal learning practices and RMA as an assessment tool for learners progress, in addition to strengthening their awareness of collaborative teaching its impact on student motivation, participation and attainment.

P6 INOVA: INOVA counted very low on the four learning outcomes.

Extra attention might be needed from the NFL expert in order to guide the DTG1 of teachers to increase their knowledge of non-formal learning practices and RMA as an



assessment tool for learners progress, in addition to strengthening their awareness of collaborative teaching its impact on student motivation, participation and attainment.

Furthermore, guide the DTG1 of teachers to increase their ability to plan student interaction, support and assessment, in addition to self and peer assessment. Support the DTG1 of teachers to gain confidence to deliver collaborative learning with their students and school during the pilot phase.

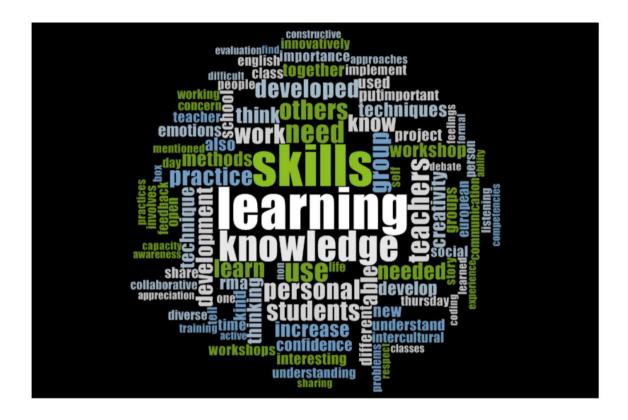
P7 VM: VM counted one of the highest in increase in knowledge and confidence, the lowest in increase in awareness, and on the lower side in comparison to the other partners in increase in ability.

Extra attention might be needed from the NFL expert in order to guide the DTG1 of teachers to increase their awareness of collaborative teaching its impact on student motivation, participation and attainment. Furthermore, guide the DTG1 of teachers to increase their ability to plan student interaction, support and assessment, in addition to self and peer assessment.



WORD CLOUDS

SEVEN PARTNERS





CESIE





DOGA





INOVA





PISTES





UCLL





UM





VM





Annex I: European Workshop Program





CARMA (RMA and Other Non-Formal Learning Methods for Student Motivation)

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WP4-1: EUROPEAN WORKSHOP FOR COLLABORATIVE COMPETENCIES FOR **TEACHERS**

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

3rd - 7th October 2016 Convent of Baida, Palermo Italy

Sunday 2 nd October				
Arrivals				
Monday 3 rd October				
09:30 - 10:00	Welcome and Introduction to the Agenda	CESIE		
10:00 - 10:30	Getting to know each other	CESIE		
10:30 - 11:00	Setting ground rules	CESIE		
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee break	92		
11:15 - 12:00	Expectations and concerns of the participants	CESIE		
12:00 - 13:00	Group building activities	CESIE		
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch break	57		
14:30 – 14:50	Presentation of the CARMA project, workshop aims and objectives	CESIE		
14:50 - 15:10	4:50 - 15:10 Challenges and achievements in school education, in collaborative teaching and learning			
15:10 - 15:40	Presentation of research results across 7 partner countries	University of Murcia		
15:40 – 17:00	Presentation of RMA ¹ as assessment tool to monitor learners progress adopting collaborative approaches	Amico Dolci		
20:00	Welcome dinner			
	Tuesday 4 th October			
09:30 - 10:00	Reflection on the previous day and introduction to the day	CESIE		
10:00 - 11:00	Presentations by Experts of the non-formal techniques	Non-formal experts		
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee break	2551		
11:15 - 12:00	Presentations by Experts of the non-formal techniques	Non-formal experts		
12:00 - 13:00	Practical exchange of teacher experiences in collaborative	CESIE		

¹ Reciprocal Maieutic Approach (RMA) <u>http://en.danilodolci.org/reciprocalmaieutic</u>

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Annex III: Teacher Evaluation Template



DAY	PILLARS OF	QUESTIONS	CODES (words or phrases)	REAMARKABLE QUOTES /
	LEARNING			NOTES from teachers' answers
	Learning to	1. What do you know about		
	know (increase	CARMA PROJECT?		
	knowledge)	2. How do you define RMA		
MON DAY	Involves the development	technique? What kind of skills and knowledge		
	of knowledge	did you learn?		
	and skills	What kind of skills and knowledge do you need		
	needed.	to be able to use collaborative methods?		
		collaborative methods:		
	Learning to	Will you please tell the		
	do	skills that you have developed? How did		
	(increase	you develop them? What skills do you think		
	ability)	are needed to put the		
	Describes putting	knowledge and learning into practice		
	knowledge	innovatively through the European		
⋖	and learning	workshop?		
TUESDA Y-	innovatively.	how and competencies		
		did you develop from the training?		
		3. What kind of life skills and personal qualities		
		did you use? Did you		
		need? Or developed? 4. What approaches did		
		you learn or need to put knowledge into		
		practice?		
	Learning to live together	What about the intercultural aspect?		
	_	Respect and concern for		
	(increase awareness)	others?		
THURS	Involves the	2. What social and inter-		
	development of social skills	personal skills are needed?		
	of social skills and values.	That you used? That you developed?		
		3. Where you able to		
		work in a diverse group?		
		Did you have any		
		problems? Do you have any concern?		
		concern:		



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