TRAINING DESCRIPTION FORM

TITLE OF THE TRAINING ACTIVITY (in the language of tuition - English):
“The Adventures of Hocus and Lotus”
How to teach languages with the narrative format approach -
Course for teacher trainers and teachers in nursery and primary schools

TYPE OF TRAINING ACTIVITY

TRAINING AIMED AT PARTICIPANTS RECEIVING:

- A COMENIUS GRANT (SCHOOL EDUCATION)

TYPE AND ORIGIN OF THE TRAINING:

- COURSE
  training resulting from an llp or previous socrates project (comenius, lingua, grundtvig, minerva)

LLP OR SOCRATES PROJECT NO. : 109956-CP-1-2003-1-IT-LINGUA-L2PP

THEMATIC FIELD OF THE TRAINING

IN-SERVICE TRAINING IN THE FIELD OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES
THE TRAINING IS

- IN LANGUAGE TEACHING METHODOLOGY
  - English
  - French
  - German
  - Italian
  - Spanish

LANGUAGES USED FOR THE TRAINING

MAIN LANGUAGE:
English

OTHER LANGUAGE/S USED DURING THE TRAINING:
French; German; Italian; Portuguese; Spanish;

LANGUAGE VERSION(S) IN WHICH MATERIALS WILL BE PROVIDED:
English; French; German; Italian; Spanish;

EDUCATION SECTOR OF THE TRAINING PARTICIPANTS

SCHOOL AND PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION

- Pre-Primary
- Primary
- Special education for disabled persons

TARGET AUDIENCE
INSTITUTION ORGANISING THE TRAINING

NAME OF THE ORGANISATION: DINOCROC INTERNATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE
STREET AND NUMBER: via della Sforzesca, 1
POSTCODE: 00185 -
TOWN / CITY: Roma
COUNTRY: Italy
WEBSITE: www.hocus-lotus.edu

ORGANISER/S OF THE TRAINING:
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FULL DESCRIPTION OF TRAINING CONTENTS

IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE TRAINING: (EN)

Preparation Participants are required to have some knowledge about the narrative format model and also some experience in activities with children. In addition, course participants are asked to read articles on the narrative format model found in the bibliography section of: www.hocus-lotus.edu

Objectives The course objective is the teaching of one of the following languages (English, French, German, Spanish and Italian) as a foreign language, following the psycho-linguistic model of the narrative format. This innovative methodological approach, whose effectiveness has been recorded in various publications (cf. Taeschner 2002), is based upon the most recent psycho-linguistic research. The course aims to give the teachers and the teacher trainers the possibility to deepen their knowledge about theoretical and methodological preparation including: A) Reflecting on the principle theories underlying the narrative format method of teaching/learning a foreign language. B) Deepening theoretical knowledge in particular of the neurological bases of early language learning: a particular attention will be devoted to the teacher-student relational processes and to the link between emotion and cognition in learning processes. C) Reflecting upon classroom practice and updating knowledge of the formats D) Acquiring or perfecting the language competency necessary to teach according to this method.

Results: Participants will learn how to train other teachers in the narrative format model so that they can teach classes of children: they will learn how to use an effective communicative style; they will learn how to communicate efficiently through gestures, mime and facial expressions and to observe such behavior whilst training other teachers: they will learn how to recognize the emotional implications of learning a new language and will be able to address these issues in their own practice, in their relations with colleagues and with pupils’ parents.

Methodology The course will include both practical classroom methodology and explanation and discussion of theory, thus ensuring the best transfer to classroom practice. To ensure the best acquisition of good practice, theory and methodology will be taught together. Therefore there will be seminars on the fundamental theories underlying this psycho-linguistic model and its neuro-linguistic basis; practical sessions including the acting out, mini musical and reading of the illustrated books of the 5 levels of the Adventures of Hocus and Lotus; opportunities to reflect, individually and in groups, on the emotional aspects of the narrative format methodology; analysis of films through relative observations on the behaviors involved in good communication.
Follow-up  All participants will be given the e-mail addresses of other participants and trainers so that they can share their future experiences of teaching and training according to this method. The possibility of e-twinning schools will be encouraged. A specific password will be provided to use on the Hocus and Lotus forum.

### PROGRAMME OF THE TRAINING ACTIVITIES (DAY BY DAY)

**IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE TRAINING:**

- **Day 1**
  - 15.00 – 17.00 Opening lesson: welcome, presentation of trainers, trainees and course contents.
  - 17.30 – 19.00 Practical lesson: acting out and singing of the formats.

- **Day 2**
  - 09.00 - 11.00 Theoretical lesson: language learning and bilingualism in Neurosciences.
  - 11.30 - 13.00 Theoretical Thinking: The psycho-linguistic perspective of the language teaching model.
  - Space and Time in language teaching with the Narrative Format Model.
  - 15.00 - 19.00 Practical lesson: acting out and singing of the formats.

- **Day 3**
  - 09.00 - 11.00 Theoretical lesson: Meaning indicators in language construction.
  - Linguistic progression in the formats: the ‘drip feed’ model
  - 11.30 - 13.00 Theoretical Thinking: Challenges, problems and solutions in Narrative Format practice in educational settings.
  - 15.00 - 19.00 Practical lesson: acting out and singing of the formats.

- **Day 4**
  - 09:00 - 11.00 Seminar: Non verbal communication and the understanding of foreign languages.
  - Afternoon: Excursion to Rome

- **Day 5**
  - 09.00 - 11.00 Theoretical lesson: The importance of home – school relationships in fostering effective learning.
  - 11.30 - 13.00 Theoretical Thinking: Strategies to involve key partners in the teaching and learning process.
  - 15.00 - 19.00 Practical lesson: acting out and singing of the formats.

- **Day 6**
  - 09.00 - 11.00 Theoretical thinking: Affective and motivational issues in teacher training.
  - Afternoon: Excursion to Rome

- **Day 7**
  - 09.00 - 11.00 Final discussion and farewells.

**TYPE OF CERTIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE AWARDED**

**IN THE LANGUAGE OF THE TRAINING:**

Certificate of attendance including description of training content and time input.

**ENGLISH:**

Certificate of attendance including description of training content and time input.

**INFORMATION ON COURSE SESSION/S**

**SESSION 1**
**SESSION ID: 44143**
DATE OF START: 03/06/2012
DATE OF END: 09/06/2012
Deadline for registration: 18/05/2012

HOST INSTITUTION EQUAL TO ORGANIZER INSTITUTION: ☐

STREET AND NUMBER: via Vito Volterra, 1
NAME OF HOST INSTITUTION: VILLINO VOLterra
POSTCODE: 00040
TOWN / CITY: Ariccia
COUNTRY: Italy

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Traute Taeschner – Full Professor of Psychology of Language Development at the University of Rome "Sapienza": main trainer
Sabine Pirchio: Researcher at the University of Rome “Sapienza” Italy: practical and theoretical trainer
James Mc Alwee: Primary Strategy Adviser-National Association
Joan Dickie: Laguage Adviser - UK: practical and theoretical trainer
Lisa Francese: 4 languages speaking music teacher

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS ENVISAGED: 18

FEE IN € FOR ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS: 650.00 (Accommodation & all meals)

COURSE FEE IN € (TUITION AND MATERIALS): 750.00

CANCELLATION FEE IN € (WHERE APPLICABLE): 250.00

CANCELLATION RULES:
for cancellations between May 18 - June 3 2012

PROVISION FOR SPECIAL NEEDS:
No

SPECIAL REMARKS:
Vegetarian food available

SESSION 2
SESSION ID: 44144

DATE OF START: 28/10/2012
DATE OF END: 03/11/2012
Deadline for registration: 12/10/2012

HOST INSTITUTION EQUAL TO ORGANIZER INSTITUTION: ☐

STREET AND NUMBER: via Vito Volterra, 1
NAME OF HOST INSTITUTION: VILLINO VOLterra
POSTCODE: 00040
TOWN / CITY: Ariccia
COUNTRY: Italy

CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS COURSE SESSION, NAME AND TITLE: Giulia Francese
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for cancellations between October 12-28 2011

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No

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Vegetarian food available

DECLARATION BY THE TRAINING ORGANISER

"I, the undersigned, hereby declare that the information contained in this training description form is correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree that the results of a separate on-line evaluation exercise by participants will be publicly available in the training database. I acknowledge that repeated negative results of the evaluation may lead to removal of the training activity from the database."

Place: 
Date: 

Signature: 

Name and title (position), in block capitals, of the signatory:

Surname: 
First name: 

Title (position): 

Official stamp of the applicant body:
DECLARATION OF COMPLIANCE

MINIMUM OBLIGATIONS FOR PROVIDERS OF COMENIUS AND GRUNDTVIG TRAINING EVENTS

The declaration has to be provided for each training event to be included in the Comenius-Grundtvig Training Database

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I, as the representative of the training provider institution, wish to publicise in the European Comenius and Grundtvig Training Database the above mentioned training event which will be organised according to the minimal requirements defined herein.

1. TRAINING CONTENT

We offer:

- a training event for adult or school education staff which is in line with the relevant annual Lifelong Learning Programme Call for Proposals;
- a training event with a strong European dimension in terms of subject matter and profile of trainers which will provide the participants with practical professional skills and knowledge to gain a broader understanding of school or adult education in Europe;
- a highly qualified team to ensure high quality of the training activity;

We provide our participants with

- a suitable pre-departure programme (e.g. suggested reading material, support documents, questionnaires, etc.);
- a range of follow-up activities which will allow participants to get maximum benefit from the training (e.g. distance learning activities, self-assessment of lessons taught after training, peer networking);
- a certificate of attendance of the training activity. The certificate will clearly specify the name of the participant, dates of the activity and the training content followed by the participant, and it will be distributed at the end of the training activity (before participants’ departure). If possible, we will use the Europass Mobility certificate.

We confirm that

- where a structured course or a seminar/conference is targeted at Comenius grant holders, it is the result of a previous Socrates project or an LLP Multilateral Project or a Network.

2. COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP

We confirm that

- the specific target group/s (Comenius or Grundtvig) for the event is clearly specified;
- the participants should come from at least three countries participating in the LLP;
- one nationality should normally constitute maximum 30% of all participants of the course, and we will make every effort to reach this target.
3. ORGANISATIONAL ASPECTS

We confirm that

- the training activity is held in a country participating in the LLP (see the list in the annual Call for Proposals);
- the IST activity can last maximum 6 weeks;
- a structured course must last at least 5 working days (excluding travel time);
- a detailed day by day programme with clear start and end time of training activities has been provided in the Comenius and Grundtvig Training Database and it corresponds to the training that will be realised;
- we will not charge the participants any pre-registration fees;
- in case we need to cancel the training event, we will not charge the participants with any costs and we will reimburse promptly any course fees paid by the participants;
- we provide detailed rules concerning cancellation. We guarantee free cancellation until 4 weeks before the training;
- in case we have more than one group per session we provide information on how we build the groups;
- we organise an evaluation session at the end of the training activity;
- we guarantee that the information given in the Comenius and Grundtvig Training Database is up to date and binding for the training offered.

4. TRAINING PROVIDER INSTITUTION

We declare that our organisation

- comes from one of the countries participating in the LLP (see the list in the annual Call for Proposals);
- has a legal status and experience in the field of in-service training provision specifically for the school or adult education sectors;
- is experienced in working with multinational groups;
- has the financial and technical capacity to successfully offer the proposed training activities.

"I, the undersigned, hereby guarantee that our organisation fulfils the above requirements and that we respect the information included in Instructions for course providers. I recognize that the relevant National Agency may verify if these demands are being fulfilled. Should the training event no longer comply with the rules stated herein, I will inform the National Agency accordingly. In case of breach of the declaration our organisation will be excluded from the Comenius and Grundtvig Training Database."

Place:                      Date:

Signature:

Name and title (position), in block capitals, of the signatory:

Surname:                           First name:

Title (position):

Official stamp of the applicant body: