

Digital Competences and Intercultural Values in e-Learning Environments

The acquisition of digital skills by adults over 55 and by immigrants and refugees is the goal of the international project E-Civeles. Six countries make up the international consortium of the project: Spain (University of Malaga), Germany (BIBA), Hungary (Trebag), Italy (ULE), Portugal (USE) and Slovenia (INTEGRA).

The project

Coordinated by the University of Malaga, the project has European funding within the Erasmus + program. It aims to respond to a challenge for a specific population whose growth in the near future is clear. The common factor that unites older people and immigrants or refugees is that they all have a greater difficulty when it comes to acquiring digital skills.

They also present the need to improve other types of skills, such as geospatial skills, cognitive stimulation (in people +55) or the command of a foreign language (immigrants), among others. In relation to the digital divide, coordinated actions are necessary to integrate the population at risk of social exclusion in the world of ICT, an objective in line with Action 61 of the Digital Agenda of Strategy 2020.

Innovation

The objective of E-Civeles is to create a series of innovative materials and resources that encourage the acquisition of the aforementioned skills, aimed, first, at the teaching staff or facilitators of the specific population segment -as drivers of educational improvement-, but without forgetting the students themselves as the final beneficiaries of the project. Moreover, other stakeholders from the educational, political and

administrative areas, from the public and private sectors will participate. In order to achieve the outlined objectives -which, summarized, could be the improvement of the digital competences, the impulse of the social integration and the stimulation of the teachers in the use of the TIC-, a set of resources will be created where the motivation will be the fundamental engine. To this end, the use of ICT from a playful perspective - the "gamification" - will be enhanced through the creation of a set of video games embedded in a virtual platform with other support resources and communication tools that promote the active participation of users.

Next meeting

The first meeting was held in Malaga and hosted by the teachers and professors of Malaga. We welcomed the representatives of civil organizations also, to hear their voices on the project possible directions. The next transnational meeting will take place in Slovenia, where partners will refine the objectives and next steps in harmony with the results of the completed research phase of the project.

What's next?

If you are interested in our developments or want to learn more about the project please visit our website at www.e-civeles.eu

E-Civeles Kick-off Meeting in Málaga, Spain (November 2017)



3D models from historical towns

The core of our video games will be the implementation of four historical city centers, where the players will have to orientate themselves through the streets and squares in downtown in order to find the main monuments. Players will be able to learn about the historical timeline of the city, facing different minigames and solving a final trial before traveling to the following country.

These games will be easily available in our e-learning platform, where other important materials will be also found, such as a data base with already existing games from all the countries participating in the project, a user's guide and a handbook including a curriculum, among others.

The cities to visit through these video games will be: Evora (Portugal), Antequera (Málaga), Udine (Italia) and Velenje (Slovenia).

Dissemination

To share our vision is very important for us. The consortium has been present in different conferences and seminars, such as the 3rd. International Conference on Digital Humanities HDH2017 in Málaga (Spain), the 3rd. International Conference on Communication and Digital Media in Seville (Spain) or the 4th. Meeting of the National Association of the U3A in Palma (Spain), among others.

We are also glad to announce that our project has been recognized with the seal of the European Year for the Cultural Heritage 2018, whose slogan 'Our Heritage. Where the past meets the future' becomes a source of inspiration for e-Civeles.