

# FLIPPED IMPACT

## Description of the Project

Flipped Impact is a KA201 (Key action 2- Strategic partnership for school education) project within the scope of Erasmus+, which refers to cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices.

The specific objectives of the project are to promote language skills and multiliteracies, provide an opportunity for differentiated instruction strategies, improve K-12 learners' level of English language proficiency, guide pre-service teachers to devise education tools and methodologies related to technologies, and enhance intercultural awareness and diversity.

## Project Coordination & Partner Organizations

Dr. Işıl Günseli Kaçar from our department is the coordinator of the project. In order to conduct project activities, Res. Asst. Zeynep Aysan-Şahintaş, Res. Asst. Esra Karakuş, Res. Asst. Emine Eren Gezen and Inst. Hasan Şerif Baltacı assist her.

The project includes eight partner organizations from the five countries as follows: Turkey, the Netherlands, Spain, Lithuania, and Romania. Among them, there are three universities and five K-12 schools:

### The universities:

- METU – Turkey
- Stichting NHL – the Netherlands
- Universidade da Coruña – Spain
- Vytauto Didžiojo Universitetas – Lithuania

### K-12 schools:

- ODTU GVO – Turkey
- Piter Jelles Leeuwarder Lyceum- the Netherlands
- IES Ribeira do Louro – Spain
- Kauno Saules Gimnazija – Lithuania
- Colegiul National Pedagogic "Mircea Scarlat" – Romania

## The Project Trajectory - What we have done so far?

The first event related to the Flipped Impact Project was the transnational meeting at NHL Stenden University in Leeuwarden, the Netherlands between January 14 and 16, 2019, with the participation of Dutch, Romanian, and Spanish project partners. From each partner country, K-12 teachers and university instructors participated in the meeting. The long-term workplan, the aim of the project, the job division and the intellectual outputs were the main items on the transnational meeting agenda. It was decided that Turkish university partner, the Department of Foreign Language Education at Middle

East Technical University would be responsible for the pilot phase of the project during the spring semester of the academic year 2018-2019. Accordingly, eight senior pre-service teachers from the Department of Foreign Language Education, who were enrolled in the course Practice Teaching, taught flipped lessons to 6<sup>th</sup> graders at METU Foundation School for a period of eight weeks in the spring semester in 2019.

The second event within the scope of the project was the first language/teaching/training activity at the Department of Foreign Language Education at Middle East Technical University in Ankara, between May 6 and 10, 2019, with the participation of approximately 60 people from five different partner countries. In this activity, the project partners were involved in an academic exchange related to the planning, delivery and assessment of the flipped lessons at K-12 schools; the organization of flipped training sessions for the pre-service teachers; the preparation of the project website, poster, flipped kit and research paper, which constitute the intellectual outputs of the project. Pre-service teachers from the Netherlands and Turkey organized some workshops to share their theoretical knowledge and their own classroom practices regarding flipped teaching with the pre-service teachers from Romania, Spain and Lithuania. The Dutch and Turkish university instructors also held a session related to the theoretical background and implementation of flipped instruction in the project. The project partners also observed the flipped lessons delivered at Ankara METU Foundation School with 20 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Apart from the academic exchange of ideas, all project partners including K-12 students, were involved in various cultural activities to raise their level of intercultural awareness and to strengthen the interpersonal relationships between all the project partners.

### **Upcoming Project Events of the Flipped Impact**

The 2nd C1 Activity which is a Learning Teaching Training (LTT) activity will be held in Lithuania between the 11-15<sup>th</sup> of November, 2019. Following the 2nd LTT Activity, Spain will host the 3rd LTT activity between the 20-24<sup>th</sup> of April, 2020. On the second term of 2020, the 4th LTT activity will be held in the Netherlands between the 5-9<sup>th</sup> of October. The last LTT activity, which is the 5th one, will be held in Romania in the 18-22<sup>th</sup> of January, 2021.

After completing the LTT Activities, the 2nd Transnational Meeting will be conducted in Turkey in April 2021 to discuss about the results of the project, the implementations and to make closing remarks.

Finally, as the last event of the project, the Multiplier Event will take place in Turkey in April, 2021. It will be the project closing dissemination event which will be organized as a conference that will be organized to share the results on flipped learning on the METU Campus, Ankara, Turkey and the implementation of the project not only with the members of the participating organizations but also with the practitioners who work in underprivileged schools of the hosting country. The conference will be held for two days right after the 2nd Transnational Meeting (in April 2021).