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“Networked European School Radio”

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NEStOR is an ERASMUS+ Strategic Partnerships for school education and project (2016-1-EL01-KA201-023575), 2016-2018. It involves Partners from 4 EU countries, namely EUROPEAN SCHOOL RADIO, GR, the coordinator, COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE & PRESS “DIOFANTUS” (CTI), GR, AALBORG UNIVERSITET, DK, CYPRUS PAIDAGOGICAL INSTITUTE (CPI), CY AGLANTZIA GYMNASIUM, CY, KAUNAS DISTRICT GARLIAVA JUOZAS LUKSA HIGH SCHOOL, LTU Experimental Senior High School of the University of Makedonia, GR

The aim is to develop a Networked European School Web Radio (NEStOR) which can deliver an attractive, challenging, creative environment for learning and communication. Eventually, NEStOR wants to create an all expanding network of schools, public and private, primary and secondary education, producing radio products and broadcasting through a full radio station program which will have an educational, yet informative and entertaining character. The Main language is English.

The first year of the project has achieved its goals, which is to utilise the experience from the successful “European School Radio”, student radio already running successfully in Greece for the last seven years. After setting up the appropriate project management channels and collaboration methods by the coordinator European School Radio scientific society (ESR), the partnership used this experience to write down in various reports on all the functionalities, technicalities, usability and also the pedagogical aspects of a web radio that will now serve not only the greek but also the European school community. In addition, a number of guides were produced to help the educators and school students to understand all concepts and issues around the Web Radio. Extra care was given also for students with visual impairment. The analysis involved also the potential of using the Web Radio in collaboration with other european projects , ie. etwinning, europeanna, etc. An investigation and evaluation of the current situation among partners showed the awareness and also the needs of a web radio in schools and the involved issues and their aspirations for the future.

All the above analysis conducted by partners, designated a clear description of improvements needed to develop a real european school radio in terms of organization, responsibilities, procedures, processes and structures, languages, personnel training, legal, copyright and ethical issues. These are depicted in intellectual outputs produced by the project partners. Among other, the project is producing a number of educational scenarios to be used by other schools in order to make the utilisation of the web radio in schools an easier task.

Most importantly, the partnership, especially ESR and the Computer Technology Institute “Diofantus”, have not only produced the intellectual outputs on the a new european web radio but also actually developed a new online web radio platform in order to materialise the vision. In fact, the outcome will replace the prior European School Radio into the new one, <http://europeanschoolradio.eu> following all the characteristics and functionalities which were thoroughly analysed in the reports, in order to become a truly “European” School Radio which will network schools around Europe under one radio media.



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The consortium had already two transnational meetings, one in Thessaloniki Greece and the other in Copenhagen Denmark were. In addition, has utilised collaboration online tools such as communication technologies (ie. phone, email, skype etc), “cloud” documents sharing technologies, and produced project posts and banners and of course has set up an “exploitation plan” which inspired a number of dissemination activities in each country.

During the second year, the new web radio platform will be fully developed and expand to more schools in each country. Educational material and online guides in english and local languages (e-learning module) will give more help to educators and students to use the Web Radio in a fruitful way. An ongoing evaluation on actual usage by schools will help to improve the processes and the functionality of the web radio and will give new ideas and potentials for the future. In addition, a “viability study” will indicate the best ways to sustain the whole endeavour in a long term perspective. An number of big multiplier event will take place in spring 2018 , involving a Radio Student Festival and Competition in Greece (Trikala) in 15-17 March (<http://www.europeanschoolradio.eu/blog/5festprosklisi/>).

Each of the partners produced a small report on their experience with the project and this and all other information can be found on the official project website <http://www.europeanschoolradio.eu/blog/nestor>.

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