

Feedback on the research phase

The second transnational meeting in Mansle (France, 10th May – 12th May 2012) saw the completion of the first task of the partnership – the research phase. The University of Southampton, Tandem and The Hellenic Culture House had undertaken intensive desk research into the use of language café's, the tandem method and cyber café's across Europe to support informal language learning, while the other partners carried out field research into the needs of their target audiences.



Feedback at the meeting clearly identified that there were common results across the partnership:

- Adult language learners suffered from lack of confidence in learning and using a new language
- There was a need to practice the language through conversation rather than or in addition to taking formal language learning classes
- Target groups in every country identified that they wished to learn a language in a non formal environment
- Target groups in every country wanted to learn the language to support both social and cultural integration to improve their quality of life, as well as help some seek and obtain employment.
- All countries identified that parents wanted to learn the language to support their children who were attending school in their host country.



