

### *What have we been working on?*

The TANDEM project is almost at its end so the TANDEM project partners are busy making the final adjustments for the results and outputs. Also, all partners have organized the first public event in their respective countries, presenting the project and its results to the broader public.

Here are some of the foto impressions and stories from the different TANDEM open class events:

### **Italy**



On the evening of April 27th, [CSC Danilo Dolci](#) organized the TANDEM Open Class at [Moltivolti](#), in Palermo. The event started with the presentation of the TANDEM project and of the “Task-based Language Teaching” method and its main characteristics, but the focus of the event was definitely the language exchange!

The participants, both from Italy and from many other countries, had the opportunity to discover new people, new cultures and to learn few words in a new language, choosing from Swahili, Bambara, Wolof, Portuguese, English, German, Latvian and, of course, also the Palermitan dialect!

After the language exchange, the event reached an end and participants could continue exchanging their languages and cultures with some refreshments and the iftar

### **Germany**

In Germany the Tandem Open Class took place in Berlin at [iberika's](#) school location on the 19th of April. The attendees of the event were the participants of the Tandem Piloting Program and their peers recruited among the school's students.

After some Meet-and-Greet icebreakers the project objectives and the TBLT methodology were presented to the audience followed by the short step-by-step MOOC training. Afterward the participants who completed the Tandem Piloting Program and achieved a certain level of TBLT- proficiency led various exercises engaging the entire group and teaching useful expressions in their native language. They also shared their experiences and takings from the program during a discussion panel.

During the event, the attendees have shown a lot of interest in the TBLT language learning methodology and participated eagerly in all the activities.

The second multiplier event will be organized in July with a group of Ukrainian women and local stakeholders.

## Cyprus

In Cyprus, the Open Class took place on the 16th of April in Nicosia. The event was one of the three events that took place in the context of the “Diversity and Social Inclusion Fair”



organised by [CSI Cyprus](#). The purpose of this 2-day event (16-17.04.2022) was to celebrate diversity & social inclusion by bringing together locals and migrants in a spirit of celebration. The Open Class took place on the first day of the fair (16.04.2022) with participants from different countries coming together and

sharing their experiences. During the first part of the event there was a presentation of the TANDEM project and the TBLT methodology. Then during the second part participants engaged in activities which allowed them to learn and teach words and expressions in their own language.

After the activities were over, participants had time to reflect, discuss and share their opinions regarding the project and language teaching.

## Greece

The Open Class meeting took place in Greece on the 17th of May 2022, a multiplier event organized by our organization, [Active Citizens Partnership](#) at the 2nd High School of Kallithea, Athens, Greece.

The project and its objectives were presented to local teachers and they had the opportunity to take an in-depth experience on how to implement their courses, which involve migrants and refugees in their classes, through the TBLT method.

On the second part of the multiplier event, the facilitator delivered a guided language class by showing the methods and the potential topics for such a course. After that, small activities for the participants followed. The participants/ teachers implemented activities as in the Language Cafes, i.e. role plays.

During the third and final part of the multiplier event, in the Q&A section, the event organizers received feedback from the participants. The teachers revealed that they were quite excited with the proposed teaching method and activities. Finally, all participants could listen to the personal experiences of some of the migrants who were present at the event and they took part in the Language Cafes.

## Austria



During the Open Class in Austria, [Compass](#) invited both participants who were involved in the piloting activities and people from the local area. The event took 3 hours with 2 different sessions. During the first session, the participants were informed about the Tandem project methodology and results of the piloting process. In a smaller second session, the participants could practice some training tools, which was also a good opportunity to

discuss the Tandem initiative and the training methodology. Participants explored new opportunities for language and culture exchange, and they were introduced to the free online course (MOOC) used by the partnership for the training, and some of the practical cases.

The participants filled the evaluation form at the end of the event. According to the results of evaluation forms, the participants found the event useful and interesting. The second multiplier event will be implemented in July where decision makers and stakeholders will be invited.

### ***What's next?***

TANDEM Bazaar >> in June and July the second public event will be held in each partner country. The event will be the perfect opportunity to present all the results of the project, the experiences and to conduct a language café. It will allow for new interested people to get a sense of what Task-Based Language Teaching can do for migrants and locals, as well as trying out some language learning activities. Stay tuned with the TANDEM facebook page, or contact your local partner.

Final meeting in Berlin >> on the 19th and 20th of July, the German partner of the TANDEM project will host the project partners for the final meeting in Berlin.

### **Do you want to know more?**

The project will develop materials for adults: for migrants as teachers and locals as participants. However, all material will also be open for the public and we encourage its use by language teachers or other stakeholders that would like to create upskilling pathways for migrants or adults as language teachers. All results are in the last phase of finalization or are already available on the project's website: [www.teachyourlanguage.com](http://www.teachyourlanguage.com)

To know more about the project and its outputs, please write an email to the local reference point of TANDEM in your country ([www.teachyourlanguage.eu](http://www.teachyourlanguage.eu)), or keep an eye on the Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/tandemeuproject](https://www.facebook.com/tandemeuproject)

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