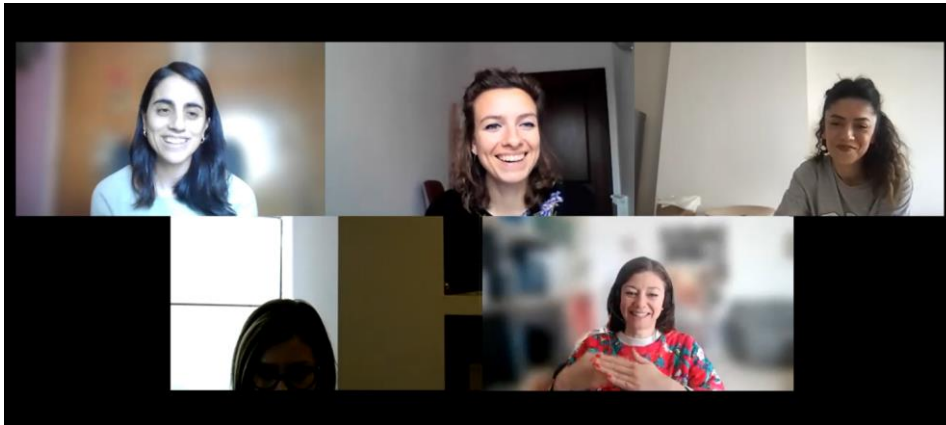


What have we been working on?



On the 30th and 31st of March 2022, the partners of the TANDEM project met again online for the 4th Transnational Partner Meeting. The meeting lasted 2 days and focused mainly on the MOOC on Task-based Language Teaching (TBLT). This MOOC has been developed and tested in the last year, and now needs to be finalized based on the feedback of trainers and participants who have been involved in the testing activities. During the first day, all partners presented their experiences of the training activities with migrants and the language cafés in each country, bringing forward lessons learned, difficulties and success stories. During the second day, the partners worked together to list the difficulties and successes they encountered during the implementation of activities, and what needs to be changed in the MOOC in order to respond better to the needs and interests of the participants. An interesting outcome of the piloting in all countries was the interest of existing language teachers (both local and foreigners) in the MOOC on TBLT. The MOOC will therefore be adapted to different levels of learners and previous knowledge, including many optional topics for further research and resources.

Other topics that were discussed during the meeting included the improvement of assessment and validation tools, as well as the organization of the 2 multiplier events in each country, and the final event in Germany.

Want to know more about the TANDEM project? Come to an event!

Now that the training activities have been concluded, it is time to show the TANDEM experience to the bigger public. Therefore, each partner will organise 2 local events in the upcoming 4 months, in which the audience can get more information about the TANDEM project and see with their own eyes how the TBLT methodology works. For more information about the local events, please keep an eye on the updates of the local partner of the TANDEM project in your area.

The TANDEM project continues until July 2022

The TANDEM project has been extended! The project will end by the end of July, enabling partners to implement local events to spread the word about the TANDEM project, and finalize the main results of the project, e.g. the MOOC and TBLT, a hand-out on cultural and language exchanges, and a framework for skills screening, monitoring and validation of skills acquired through non-formal learning.

The impact of the TANDEM project activities

In the last 6 months, the partners of the TANDEM project have been organizing training activities in each country, which included a training for migrants who want to learn how to teach their mother language and fun language exchanges to put TBLT into practice. This has been done in an online form or face-to-face, in language schools, refugee camps and in partners' offices. In each country, between 10 and 23 migrants have been participating in the activities, coming from very different backgrounds in terms of education, countries and future aspirations. This is what they had to say about the TANDEM training and MOOC on Task-Based Language Teaching:

Italy/CSC Danilo Dolci:

- Location: CSC office & online
- Impact:
 - o Improvement of teaching skills
 - o Increased intercultural awareness and communication
 - o Opening up ideas about non-formal education and language learning

Austria/Compass:

- Location: Compass' office (Innsbruck/Austria)
- Impact:
 - o Participants increased their skills and competence to use digital tools and take responsibility for their progress that might influence and facilitate their integration.
 - o Communication skills and networking
 - o Self-assessment and self-reflection skills

Cyprus/CSI:

- Location: Kofinou Reception and Accommodation Camp, Larnaca (Cyprus)
- Impact:
 - o Introduction to new possibility as a language teacher
 - o Exploring new methods
 - o Reflection skills
 - o Improvement of language awareness
 - o Opportunity to meet other people, interact with Cypriot society and people

Germany/Iberika:

- Location: online
- Impact:
 - o Inspiring training showing new possible job opportunities (motivation to take your fate in your own hands)
 - o Building self-awareness and confidence
 - o New digital skills and first experiences with self-study
 - o Promoting interculturality, tolerance and mutual respect
 - o Increasing interpersonal skills and communication skills

- Discovering the power of constructive feedback.

Greece/ACP:

- Location: refugee centre
- Impact:
 - Increased communication and language skills
 - Exploration of new methodologies to learn and teach

Do you want to be involved?

The project has been focussing on developing materials for migrants who want to become language teachers. 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 finalized results will be published on the project's website.

To participate in the TANDEM events, please write an email to the local reference point of TANDEM in your country (www.teachyourlanguage.eu), or keep an eye on the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/tandemeuproject

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