



LLP Partnership Project - Empowering Parents of Children with Dyslexia

Project aim: to share and disseminate experiences and good practices in the support of parents of children with dyslexia.



Lifelong Learning Programme



News from the project partners May-Nov 2014

Latvian Dyslexia Association

www.disleksija.lv

Latvian Dyslexia Association (LDB) continues to consult parents electronically about symptoms and diagnosis of dyslexia. There is no clear and unified protocol of testing dyslexia so parents are often confused what to do. LDB consults about 2-4 parents monthly. A new trend is that more and more university students refer to us with the questions about dyslexia – both from Latvian universities and also the ones studying in universities outside Latvia. As dyslexia and reading difficulties are totally ignored in junior high and high schools, then many students go unidentified all their schools lives until their reading and writing problems are noticed in universities enlightened on dyslexia issues. LDB has initiated and is involved in amending the regulations on provisions of special needs advocating inclusion of ICT for students with

dyslexia and dysgraphia in the regulations. Currently the Ministry of Education is ready to provide 100 PCs and 100 text-to-speech licenses. Since the Ministry has not purchased text-to-speech license for educational needs, it is very costly thus only a limited number of students will be served. LDB is advocating for wider provision of ICT as they are needed by at least several thousands of students.

DYS-centrum® Praha

www.dyscentrum.org

In the period between May 2014 and October 2014 DYS-centrum Praha o.s. carried out the following dissemination activities:

- frequent counselling to parents;
- translation of the 1st project newsletter - both versions (Czech and English) were published on DYS-centrum's website;
- publication of other project materials (e.i. presentations from Riga) on DYS-centrum's website;
- posts on project Facebook page;
- preparation of presentations and talks at an annual conference DYSKORUNKA 2014 (organized by DYS-centrum Praha® o.s. in November) and at Czech Dyslexia Association conference (organized in spring 2015).



CO.RI.S.S.

www.coriss.it

The Newsletter of the project was published on the website. It included a page about the Project containing information about project activities, partners, meetings, etc.

The blog mpariamoinsieme.cz.blogspot.it

A page about the Project (the same as above). It is worthy to say that this blog has been visited by 1606 people in a few months.

The video. Parents contacted for suggestion about video contents (the problems highlighted): they were involved within this important project activity, the video realization.

The gadgets have been ordered. They will be distributed during a big Christmas event CO.RI.S.S. is organizing. They will be given to parents of children attending our Dyslexia Center.

The Project's contents have been explained to people we are in contact with through the Dyslexia Center (school managers, doctors, pediatricians, family counseling operators).

EstRa Dyslexia Department

www.lugemisyhing.ee

In the period between May and October 2014 EstRA carried out the following activities:

- Collecting partner information and creating the Project's 1st Newsletter
- Translating the Newsletter and publishing it on EstRa webpage
- Publishing Riga conference materials on EstRa webpage
- Seeking out parents of children with dyslexia to inform them about the project, interviewing them for research
- Ordering reflectors with project logo for sharing at the conference in Tallinn

The conference of the Grundtvig Partnership project „Empowering Parents for Support of Their Children With Dyslexia“ in Tallinn Oct, 17.11, 2014

The dyslexia conference was conducted as project activity in Tallinn University on Oct, 17th, 2014.

Conference key note speaker Paula Salmi concentrated on dyslexia risk “Risk factors of dyslexia in a family. Advice for parents“.

Czech, Italian and Estonian project partners gave presentations on different issues of dyslexia. Lenka Kreicova (Czech Republic) presented “Manifestations of dyslexia difficulties in various school subjects - appropriate accommodation and intervention approaches”, Aurora Puccio (Italy) gave an overview in her presentation “ICT tools for pupils with dyslexia and SLD”, Anneli Laamann and Liina Velner (Estonia) performed “Supporting parents in reading instruction and overcoming reading difficulties, practical methods”. Ene Mägi and Eha Kondratjev (Estonia) introduced preliminar results about interviews with parents “The emotions of parents with children with dyslexia”. Signe Jantson shed light on her emotions and experiences as a mother of a boy with dyslexia.

Conference day ended with Victor Forrest (France) documentary “Dancing over the Words”. During coffee breaks participants had a chance to see various reading games available in Estonia.

After the conference the feedback was positive.

