Report on the English Language Course

Within the ECBAC 517-200 Tempus project, the implementation of the English language course has been planned and organized in eight partner schools in Serbia since September 2012.

In The School of Higher Technical Professional Education in Niš, the course started September 3rd 2012 and by the 19th December 2012, students had 53 classes, each in duration of 45min.

The course is attended by the following students: Aleksandra Boričić - professor, Radomir Cekić- school secretary, Irina Cenić- student service officer, Goran Milosavljević- IT officer, students Milan Jevtić and Stefan Nikolić who all work on the project, as well as Staniša Dimitrijević- sociology professor and Nataša Savić – professor of mathematics, who joined the group.

So far, four units from the In Company textbook have been done. The coursebooks have just recently been purchased so there is a slight delay in carrying out the curriculum. This refers only to the work on the texts and vocabulary since grammar units have been studied in great detail from the beginning of the course.

All the students show a great interest and willingness to learn the English language. They actively participate in classes and acquire the study material without any special difficulties. A remark by the teacher (Danica Milošević) is that not all of the students are regular in classes, which reflects negatively on their learning continuity.

In the School of Higher Professional Education for Pre-school Teachers in Pirot, the course started September 24th 2012 and by December 14th there have been held 34 classes in duration of 45 minutes. The school obtained the copies of the textbook on 7th December. That is the reason why the school in Pirot managed to finish just the first unit from the book so far. However, all the students are very responsible and serious about learning the language so their teacher, Sanja Kovačević claims that they will adapt the program to the circumstances and cover all the important topics and grammar units planned by the curriculum.

At the College of Agriculture and Food Technology in Prokuplje, the course started on September 20th 2012. So far, 45 classes were held in duration of 45 minutes. The course is attended by 5 students who use the copies of the recommended textbook. In the end of January and the beginning of February, classes will be more intensive, as the teacher Marija Jović says, since the course in their school started a bit later.

In the School of Higher Chemical Technology Education in Kruševac, the course started on October 1st 2012. So far 39 classes in duration of 45 min have been held. There are 6 attendants. The attendants managed to cover more units than planned by the program at this moment. Almost all grammar units have been done (Present Continuous, Present Simple, Past Simple, Present Perfect, Present Perfect Continuous) as well as a very substantial amount of vocabulary.

At the College of Textile in Leskovac, the course has not started yet. The reason is that their English language teacher works in three schools and could not organize her obligations in that way to start the course from September. However, the plan is to start the course from the beginning of February.

In the School of Higher Applied Professional Education in Vranje, the course has not started yet. The reason for this is that their English teacher is on a maternity leave. Now they have a new English teacher, Marija Jović (who also works in Prokuplje) who will organize the course in Vranje as soon as possible, which means from the beginning of the next semester.

In the High Medical School of Professional Studies in Ćuprija, the course started October 2nd, 2012. The students have had 26 classes so far with their teacher Nela Marinović. This group of learners finished just the first unit in the book. The realization of the program was slowed down since the group waited for the coursebooks, which each student bought just before the New Year for him/herself and now everybody has his/her own original book.

So far there is no information on the language course from the School for Higher Professional Education of Preschool Teachers in Kruševac. Hopefully, they will send us their report soon.