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Module "Mathematics"

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What we have seen and learned by the trainees.....

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Description of Module 6: Mathematics

Step 1: The module presents An Introductory course -Mathematics.

Step 2: Thereafter,

three educational scenarios, one activity without words and photos from school while students learn by playing have been created as examples.

The assignment

A. Assume that you are a teacher who is asked to teach Mathematics in a lower Secondary Education class (12-15 year-old students, refugee-immigrant students included).

- To begin with, choose a mathematical notion that is part of the curriculum of secondary classes and make a brief analysis of the cognitive content.
- Determine the characteristics of the student group: how many years they have been attending the host country's educational system and what is their previous school experience.

B. Create an educational scenario for part A

- Apply it to the classroom.
- Finally present an assessment of your didactic intervention. This may include comments, recordings, photos, written papers, and anything else that could substantiate the assessment.

The Mathematics Module Trainees

Out of thirty seven trainees who completed the QuaMMELOT Project, twenty eight have chosen to attend the Mathematics Module 6 and submit their assignment. The twenty eight trainees included:

- almost all of the Greek participants (20 out of 21),
- the majority of Spanish (7 out of 9)
- and one Italian (1 out of 7).

They mentioned they are:

- Teachers in Primary Schools
- From Secondary Education Sector teachers who teach Languages, Mathematics, Science, Sociology, Art, Sports, Computer Science

Their students

Our trainees' students, who are 12-17 years old of refugee and migrant background,

- study in
- mixed classes
- reception classes
- mainstream classes

of schools, from lower and higher secondary education, both General and Vocational, but also there are students with special educational needs who have 1:1 study sessions with a tutor.

From Team Teaching.....

The teachers designed and implemented their scenario

- on their own,
- or frequently in collaboration with their colleagues who teach other subjects, such as Language, Literature, Arts, Mathematics, Sports, Computer science, Sciences......
- in pairs, but also sometimes as
- a team of three, or even four

Their didactical scenarios support Team Teaching by two equally involved teachers , but also support......

Interdisciplinarity



..... to Collaborative Learning and Peer Tutoring



Experiential Learning Playing Games, dancing and constructions (hands-on)



Based on respect of the 'different'



Open-ended problems



Problems without words and hands-on activities





Multiple representations and applications in every-day life



Content Language Integrated Learning CLIL





Always aimed at gaining Mathematical knowledge, but language as well





Looking back to

EDUCATIONAL AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- **The main aim** of the module is to consolidate skills of "curricular elaboration" for every Teacher who teaches Mathematics; these elaborations are targeted – and therefore validated as such – towards the Teachers' each-time student-population.
- To that, skills and techniques of formative assessment (and corresponding classroom-material) are required.
- A side-aim is to embed didactical techniques and views to the set of didactical tools already at hand for Teachers, so as to facilitate their ability and willingness to assess and elaborate differentiated approaches to their own teaching methods and material.
- A special aim is to upgrade the consciousness that "multiple representations" (inherent in whatever conceptualization of Mathematics as an episteme one accepts) provide for didactical conceptualizations, along with posing "problems" in the general consideration of the term, and open approaches to teaching (as, e.g. approaches of "theory born via the teaching-action itself") that support differentiated engagements with learning and teaching.
- Along with the above, we aim at adding value to teaching via
- the adoption of a widening of the actively-learning community, either via "cooperative learning" and "peertutoring" (the latter would/could preferably facilitate inclusiveness),
- or by introducing thematics / problems / tasks of an "open nature" (such as cultural or social thematics could give rise to), in order to engage a wider audience (as, e.g. families or/and close surroundings) in the 'learning activity; that would support our effort towards schooling'.

The educational purpose and objectives of this module

Seem to be covered beyond all, even the pedagogical team's, expectations.

- For future work we suggest for research,
- Which was the adding value for the other students of the mixed classes?
- Have the trainees adopted the methods, attitudes and beliefs they formed in their assignments, in their teaching style after the Project was completed?
- What was the participation of all the members of the school community in rethinking the social inclusion?
- To what extent the refugee students' environment contributed on their whole learning process?
- What was the refugee/migrant background students' process in learning?
- In which ways is the Project going to be used for the benefits of schools?

Education is not preparation of life, education is the life itself

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