



Exploring cutting-edge applications of networked technologies in vocationally oriented language learning (E-VOLLution)

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Working languages: English, German

Project website: <http://evolution.ecml.at/>

Aim

Will develop and update the existing ECML GRAZVOLL website* on ICT materials for use in vocationally-oriented language learning.

Abstract

The ECML workshop series “ICT VOLL IMPACT” (2000 – 2003 programme) proved highly successful, and the accompanying GRAZVOLL website was widely acclaimed. This project aims to update the content of the website and develop strategies for the practical implementation of the products and the group's findings. Links to teacher training materials for VOLL, to exemplar language learning modules in VOLL (ICT) and to resources / models of good practice will be provided on the site, which is housed on the ECML server.

The team will incorporate recent findings in ICT in language teaching and learning (e.g. e-Portfolios, intercultural issues) and conduct a survey of specific needs in vocational/professional contexts. A system will be put in place for introducing ICT in VOLL throughout Europe by creating and piloting a user manual for multipliers, who will address problems identified by national authorities, providing workshops designed to tackle perceived deficits.

Expected results

- An updated version of the GRAZVOLL website, including latest Web 2.0 applications (e.g. blogs, wikis, e-portfolio, podcasts, etc.) and featuring case studies illustrating the meaningful use of modern media in VOLL.
- A web “market place” for training needs and training offers for the member states and the establishment of a pool of experts.
- A central training event on the implementation of ICT in VOLL leading to:
 - documentation of successful events and models on the website;
 - the establishment of (non-permanent) networks for exchange on specific aspects of ICT in FLT/FLL identified in workshops.

Targeted sector: vocationally oriented level

* Link to the website: www.ecml.at/projects/voll

