

# T2TT Newsletter

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### Welcome to T2TT

T2TT, Trainee to Trained Teacher is a two-year Erasmus+ KA2 Strategic Partnership project, which aims to improve the quality of Initial Teacher Education and the capacities of schools in professional development for both newly qualified and experienced teachers and to reduce the drop-out rate of teachers at the start of their professional lives.

The partnership identified the tools used to support trainees and NQTs in the UK School Direct programme, including formal training, induction programmes, teacher support, coaching and mentoring, and in-house professional development and developed a draft scheme of work for a set of training modules covering:

- Coaching and Mentoring
- Developing an ITE/Induction package
- Teaching and Learning
- Behaviour for Learning and Special Education Needs
- Measuring Pupil Progress and Impact
- Assessment and accreditation of ITE & NQTs

The project is led by Carmel Academy in the UK and has five further partners, edEducation Ltd. from the UK, Teach for Bulgaria and Centre for School Improvement from Lithuania, both part of the Teach for All network, Federación EFAS Comunidad Valenciana, from Spain and the Primary school of Pefkochori in Greece.

The specific outputs of the project are:

- A project website hosting downloadable resources and case studies
- A final down-loadable set of 5 training modules
- A handbook to support the training
- A set of case studies in 5 countries in both Primary and High Schools illustrating practical strategies used for transition
- A model scheme for accreditation
- A set of dissemination materials and seminars in 5 countries
- A final international conference to promote the training resources

Partners will work with leadership teams from 4 schools in each country to develop and test the resources through using the schools' current data performance and priorities for improvement.

This work will take place in the schools during the academic year 2016-17 and the training modules will be finished and published in a final conference in June 2017

### Partner Meetings

An initial kick-off meeting, attended by all partners in Darlington, was held in November 2015. The following outputs for Management were all in place by the end of November.

- Partnership Agreements
- Management Handbook
- Deliverables Grid
- Project Website
- Logo
- Social Media Presence
- Restricted Management Section on Website

There were two further management meetings, one in Vilnius, Lithuania in March 2016 and one in Pefkochori, Greece in May 2016. These were as scheduled in the application, but we switched the places for practical reasons. In addition to these meetings, there were several Skype meetings in between the face to face meetings 2015 and 2016. All meetings were used for partners' updates and to plan for the next phase of the project.



Partners at the Darlington meeting in November 2015

## Study visit in the UK

The study visit took place as planned in November 2015. All partners were able to visit several schools which are in the applicant's teaching schools network and had opportunities to talk to key staff. The outcomes of these visits were used to stimulate discussion and to explore their role in delivering the programme and the ways in which Carmel offers support. This work was completed in the November study visit. Partners then took it away to analyse these best practice case studies in the UK and to then draft some broad strategies for developing outline training modules which are now used as a framework for the in-school activities in Intellectual Output 3.



Presentation of best practice at Carmel Academy

## Initial Module Development

All partners have identified the schools to be involved in the piloting and there was an opportunity to visit two of them in the UK, one of them in Lithuania and two of them in Greece.

Initially the plan had been for the 6 day workshops with schools to take place before the end of July, but partners needed more flexibility over timescales and the deadline has been adjusted to October. Nevertheless all partners are still on schedule to complete the work, undertake the data analysis and develop individual school action plans by the start of the new academic year.



Partners defining the content of the training modules at the Vilnius workshop.

## Project partners



Carmel College is situated in Darlington, County Durham in the North East of England with 1200 pupils aged 11-19. Carmel College is an accredited Initial Teaching Training Provider for the Department for Education and has been independently training teachers since 1999.



edEUcation is an education consultancy with expertise in working on international education programmes. The consultancy is led by a former UK secondary Principal who is an officially accredited EU expert in Erasmus+ assisted by highly qualified and experienced practitioners from all education sectors.



The mission of Teach for Bulgaria is to encourage and prepare capable and ambitious young people to become inspiring teachers and leaders in order to facilitate the access to quality education for every child in Bulgaria. Teach For Bulgaria aims to eliminate the functional illiteracy in Bulgaria in 20 years.



Centre for School Improvement is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization, which aims to support the processes of school improvement in Lithuania, to disseminate the theory and practice of school improvement and alternative models of teachers' professional learning.



The Federación EFAS Comunidad Valenciana is a semi-private school with a focus on secondary and agricultural learning. The school is part of the Union of Agricultural Family Schools and has around 600 pupils. The school implements a training and education system leading to a high employability rate.



The Primary school of Pefkochori is one of the biggest public schools in Kassandra peninsula, in Chalkidiki, Greece. It educates around 260 pupils from first to sixth grade.

## Learn more about the Trainee to Trained Teacher project

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