

# Main results

of the  
**second TISSNTE meeting**  
Held in Budapest on 21 – 25 May 2007

**19 representatives of 18 institutions from 9 European countries** (Belgium, Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Portugal, Slovakia and United Kingdom) took part in this meeting.



The meeting began with the presentation of a résumé of what we needed to address during our time together in Budapest. This included our progress and outcomes so far and what needed to be addressed as a result of these activities. The remainder of the meeting addressed these issues.

Following on from the **Needs Analysis Tools** drafted in the inaugural meeting in Leuven, and developed and piloted in the interim, the results of the initial analysis of the data collected through the questionnaires was discussed.

Consideration was given to the effectiveness of the amended tools following the pilots and it was agreed this should be the final NA tool and published as such.

Building on the evidence of 'needs' drawn from the research, it was agreed to continue to develop an inventory of support from existing materials being drawn up by individual members and to target areas to be covered by the TISSNTE project produced items for the Suitcase of Support.



Deadlines for these and arrangements to put developed drafts on the TISSNTE web site for members to share were agreed and actioned.

Members therefore considered a series of on-going items crucial to the further development of the project in turn, these included:

- Gathering of information on dissemination of TISSNTE to date
- Gathering of members self-evaluation 'personal log' on TISSNTE work
- Liaison with publishers, report on progress –for interim report, manuals etc.
- Further self-evaluation exercises discussion
- Framework for Suitcase of Support production
- Translation of materials and standardisation of English in translated items.
- Analysis of further items needed for Inventory + translation issues

- Further Dissemination tactics
- Regional Dissemination
- Research/Presentations planning
- Influencing Policy Makers – revise strategy and team

Arrangements were made for the various sub-groups responsible for the areas to meet, work and feedback their deliberations during the remainder of the time spent together.

To further address the professional development needs of the members of TISSNTE a major information and training session was held, demonstrating and expounding the use of the TISSNTE Virtual Library, a major strand to the achievement of the aims and objectives of the TISSNTE project.



The sub-groups of members met to revise their achievement in the first period of TISSNTE and to plan for the achievement of targets for period 2. Amongst the outcomes were:

### **Mentoring Framework**

Revision and completion of the draft framework in order to proceed with the development of a framework for the Suitcase as the next priority in project development.

### **Self Evaluation**

After agreeing progress had been made, the needed further challenge to fulfill our objectives was drawn up in a new set of guidelines to be posted on the web.

### **Suitcase Framework**

Using the evidence of need produced so far, a Matrix to be produced and placed on the web.

### **Suitcase Items**

Members are to begin producing items for the Suitcase with reference to the Framework. Register of language, format and translation discussions were explored. Arrangements for piloting were agreed.

### **Needs Analysis**

Further interrogation of the data to be completed including quantitative and qualitative analysis.

### **External Evaluation**

The remit for the external evaluation was produced, an individual decided upon and steps to carry out the process put into action.

### **Intensive Course**

Draft arrangements for the date and place of the Intensive course were discussed, together with personnel and teaching issues. Arrangements for pre-piloting of materials were made.

### **Publications**

Preliminary discussions with the printer took place and draft agreements on format and content were drawn up.

### **Dissemination**

Measures taken to disseminate TISSNTE during period 1 were reviewed and a series of targets for the following period were made. These include:

### **CONFERENCES/SEMINARS**

Date	Description
Aug 2007	poster session at the ATEE conference in Wolverhampton
Sept 2007	ECER 2007 in Ghent on 19th and 21st of September 2007
Easter 2008	Presentation of the Needs Analysis at AERA in March 2008 in New York. Proposal by August 2007 for paper or symposium
May 2008	: presentation at the ATEE Spring Conference in Riga

**PUBLICATIONS**

An invitation to submit a proposal for a special thematic issue of RESEARCH IN COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ([www.wwords.co.uk/RCIE](http://www.wwords.co.uk/RCIE)) has been received. This will be done.

**PUBLICITY**

Postings on Institutional, School and Teacher-Association websites

Members will find full details under the relevant headings on the members-only section of the website – <http://www.tissnte.eu>