



Mobile Technologies In Lifelong Learning

best practices

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Aims and objectives

- The project focuses on the use of mobile technologies as a key factor to develop flexible LLL frameworks for education and training.
- To involve policy makers that should sustain the strategic plans and learning activities based on the results of the project, and promote an increase in the rate of people involved in training programs.

The MOTILL project

- Which stands for “*Mobile Technologies in Lifelong Learning: best practices*”
- It is a **one** year project
- The key concepts in MOTILL are
 - **Lifelong Learning**
 - *Mobile Technologies*

Why ... mobile technologies ?

- Because we think that these technologies will play an important role in learning and training in the future
- The widespread use of mobile technologies in all EU countries offers an opportunity to develop policies aimed at participation and social inclusion
- The need to overcome space and time constraints, the opportunity to design learner-centred educational experiences, and the advantage of having access to learning opportunities over a lifetime.
- The MOTILL project investigates **how** these technologies may **impact** on the diffusion of **a social model** where learning and knowledge are accessible to all, regardless of social and economic background, age, sex, religion, ethnicity or disability.

Mobile technologies IN LLL

- But although the mobile learning could be a suitable means to support Lifelong Learning (LLL), national policies have not yet taken any significant steps to integrate LLL and mobile technologies.
- The MOTILL project aims to promote this type of **integration**.

- The project partnership involves four countries (Italy, United Kingdom, Ireland and Hungary):
- **Istituto per le Tecnologie Didattiche** del Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche di Palermo – Italy (coordinator)
- **Open University** of the UK - Institute of Educational Technology;
- **Trinity college** of Dublin (Ireland) – Department of Computer Science & Education;
- **Corvinus University** of Budapest (Hungary) - Department of Information Systems

Project activities

- **Identification** and analysis of LLL strategies and m-learning experiences (projects, research papers, case studies, etc)
- **Involving** of the national/region education agencies and public institutions
 - horizontal and vertical mainstreaming
 - National meetings
- **Dissemination** of results – Best practices

Main results

- An up-to-date **survey** of the use of mobile technologies in learning and training projects in the partners' countries. This survey will also take into account policies set up in the various countries by relevant institutions;
- a **methodological framework** to analyse and highlight **best practices**. This framework will identify the key factors to assess and the main indicators to consider, and will establish the principal criteria for constructing an **evaluation grid**;
- an **open space for public discussions**, involving public and private institutions, research centres, educators, and trainers, on the impact of Information Society Technologies (IST) on the future of LLL.

Some outcomes

- The **MOTILL Web Portal** aimed at supporting knowledge construction and sharing of common experiences.
- A **Scientific Annotated Review Database**, an annotated repository, will bring together projects, key experiences and scholarly studies concerning LLL experiences using mobile technologies.
- A **Best Practices Collection** will draw together national m-learning projects examined from different points of view.

Users will be able to search for specific best practices or add the description of a new project, highlighting main strengths and weaknesses. Finally, a book of the best practices will be produced

Thank you for your attention!

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