OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR LEARNING LESS WIDELY USED AND TAUGHT LANGUAGES

The SMILE network aims to support the European and national language policies through researching, identifying and spreading the successful results of good practices for promoting linguistic diversity with particular focus on the learning of LWUTLs.

HEIDELBERG WORKSHOPS
The SMILE network successfully ran four thematic workshops on promoting learning opportunities for LWUTLs (less widely used and taught languages) in the areas of labour market, disadvantaged people, specific economic sectors, formal and non-formal education. The event took place on 15-16 October 2015 in Heidelberg, Germany. Based on the discussions the SMILE partners developed Situational Analysis providing information about the needs related to teaching and learning of LWUTLs on European level and solutions for meeting them and Recommendation Paper on promotion of linguistic diversity and LWUTLS at European level. Both documents will be soon available on the project website in all partner languages.

NAPELS WORK MEETING
On 29 February and 1 March 2016 a meeting was held in Napels, Italy to discuss and agree on the final versions of the project outcomes and prepare the scenarios for organising of National dissemination events.
NEXT STEPS

In the period May – October 2016 all partners will hold national events to present the network findings to target groups representatives and stakeholders on practical and political level in the 15 partner countries. On 20th October 2016 a final conference will take place in Vilnius, Lithuania in order to present the network idea and findings and discuss the issues targeted by the project with relevant stakeholders.

[each partner to place here date and place of national event]

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