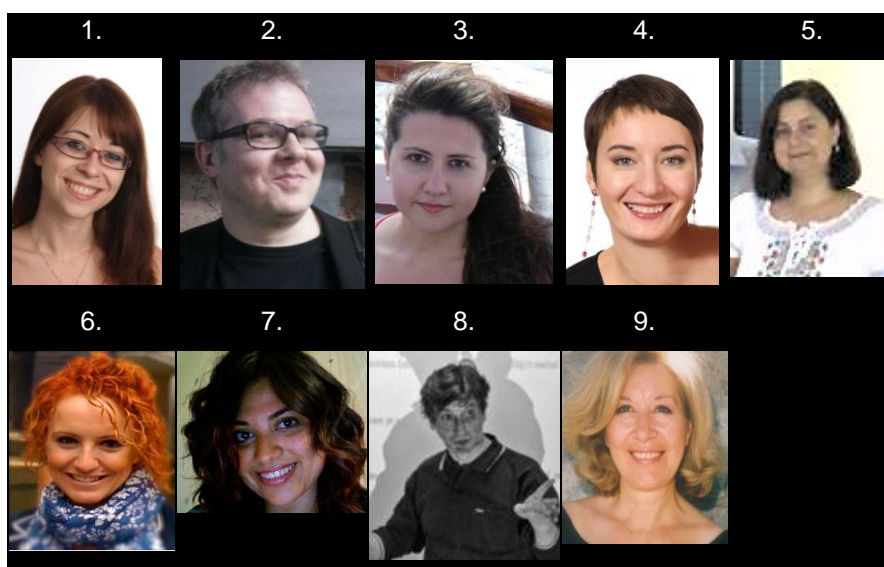


aPLaNet Newsletter - July 2011

Welcome to aPLaNet

Welcome to the first edition of the aPLaNet newsletter, this will be a regular part of the project that will summarize the activities and progress of the project.

But firstly **'Just for fun'** a Quiz: Match the faces with the names of the project partners. In the next edition of the newsletter we will be asking to match the partner country, so prepare....



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About the project

aPLaNet (Autonomous “Personal Learning Networks” for Language Teachers) is a European Union funded project to help language educators who are not yet using social networks to understand:

- What are social networks for language educators?
- Why they should use them?
- How they can get involved?



The project will help them join and use Internet Personal Learning Networks (PLN) on social networks (SNs).

Progress and milestones

The aPLaNet project is still in its opening stages; we are currently working on Work packages 2 and 3 and planning WP 4.

These WPs are preparing the resources and templates for the information that will enable us to complete:

- The piloting of the mentoring system
- The resources to initiate new educators in to the social networks
- Videos
- Descriptions of Internet applications and resources and how they can be used by educators
- Descriptions and how to guides about the various social networks

Already Available



The first website and project communities are live and awaiting your visit or you to join them.

The website is currently a temporary version until the final version is launched at the end of the summer. <http://www.aplanet-project.eu/>

The main project community is our Ning at: <http://aplanet-project.org/> we already have a mentors group with experts joining everyday. There is also a educators group for people that want to understand more and

be helped to build their own PLN.

For day to day news, events and links and outside events of interest join our Facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/aplanetproject>

What can you do.....

At this early stage of the project we invite you to join our Ning community that will be the focal point of the resources and mentoring community that we are building.

Of course, we still have a long way to go (1 year 4 months) but soon we will be





looking to pilot our resources and ideas.

Already we have a mentors group forming that will be hand-holding educators that want to get involved in the social networks. You can join the Ning aPLaNet community at: <http://aplanet-project.org>

Online survey

Soon we will be inviting contributions to a survey on, 'Educators use of Social networks'. This will provide a basis for the mentoring of new members of social networks. The results will be published later on the aPLaNet project website and Ning

Next meeting

Our next meeting will be held in the autumn in Brno, Czech Republic at the beautiful Language School PELIKAN. We hope to hold another online event at that meeting that will be announced on our web sites and Facebook, Twitter and personal blogs.

Contact the project

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- Ning community: <http://aplanet-project.org>

Best wishes,

aPLaNet project team

Answers to the Quiz:

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