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Latest developments**About the project**

Time goes fast. Time flies. Officially, the NIK project started in December 2017 and it is now in month 25. In other words: still 5 month to go. But the original idea came earlier. It was in 2016, a period where refugees dominated the news. This project was created to support the integration of newcomers in participating schools. NIK's philosophy is that cooking together creates friendship and mutual understanding. Now, at the end of 2019, the coming of refugees is not as big anymore. However, the need for a good integration of these newcomers is still important. That is why the project team continues its activities to contribute to this integration. The NIK website gives a perfect overview of all events which have been created on national level so far. Interested? See www.newcomerskitchen.eu.

Game is ready

The game is an important part of the project. NIK partners Just Game It (NL) and Tartu Kunstikool (EST) have completed this game, which can be played by students on their mobile phone. Other partners can invite their students to play it. The game is about food and made in such a way that language doesn't play an important role. It is just fun with some basic info about food and about countries involved. Readers of this newsletter are invited to play this game themselves. Go to your store and download the app. The name is "NIK game. The serious gamers are invited to download a questionnaire about the game. You can find it on the NIK home page, under project management.

Cooking together

Most of the partners already have held a first national cooking event, each with a unique approach. See also the NIK website for their reports. All these experiences are collected in the Cooking event scenario, together with a sizeable collection of recipes. This is the work of bildungsmarkt in Berlin. After some drafts this Scenario is ready to be used during the upcoming cooking events. All partners have also planned their Multiplier Events. Here they invite the representatives of their networks, which have been developed in an earlier stage of the project. During these Multiplier Events, partners can show all products. Some partners will combine these events with cooking as well. Students are enthusiastic to show what they have learnt.

Final activities: evaluation and dissemination

In the last 5 month, the project will focus on two activities: evaluation and dissemination.

Evaluation of all activities (cooking events, game, multiplier events and dissemination) is important. It shows the quality of the products. Did the project realize all objectives, as described in the original proposal? If needed, a final project meeting will help to collect all input for the final report.

Dissemination is essential for a good evaluation of the project. European projects have to spread their results. Newsletters are part of the dissemination, as well as the website.

Most of the dissemination will be done by the partners, in their own networks. That is why they will spread this text around as much as possible, for example via e-mail, social media or their own website. The more people know about the NIK project, the better it is. Translation of the newsletter in the partners language can help. The Project Management will put the translations on the website.

What started as an idealistic idea in 2016, became a project and this project will end in 2020. But the ideas of NIK and the use of the products will continue, as long as there are newcomers in the kitchen!