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Progress in NIK project**About the project**

The NIK project started in December 2017 and it is now in month 19. In other words: still 11 month to go.

NIK's main objective is to support the integration of newcomers in participating schools. NIK's philosophy is that cooking together creates friendship and mutual understanding.

Where is the project now?

The website gives a perfect overview of all events which have been created on national level so far. Interested? See www.newcomerskitchen.eu.

Game development

An important part of the project is the development of a game. NIK partners Just Game It (NL) and Tartu Kunstikool (EST) have made the first levels of a fascinating game, which can be played by students on their mobile phone. The game is about food and made in such a way that language doesn't play an important role.

During the project meeting in May in Portogruaro, Italy, all participants did a try-out, with recipes from Germany and Finland. According to the planning, the complete game will be available for students at the end of September, with recipes from the other partner countries and from some Newcomer countries. During the testing, some partners noticed that playing games is more for youngsters. Well, that is exactly the target group!

The meeting was organized by the Italian partner Associazione 2050 and was the start of NIK's last year: the "harvesting" year. In the coming period the pilot game will be developed further and tried out until the final version is completed.

Cooking events

Most of the partners already have held a national cooking event, each with a unique approach. See the NIK website for their reports. All these experiences will be collected, resulting in several scenarios, together with a sizeable collection of recipes. This is a task of bildungsmarkt in Berlin, where in April 2020 the final meeting of the project partners will take place. Next to these practical subjects, the administrative topics were discussed, such as the interim report. The meeting finished with a tasty cooking event for all partners and some newcomers. The Italian host provided all participants with an original NIK apron and button.

Upcoming activities

The following activities have to be realized in the last project year:

- Try-out and completion of the game,
- Production of the overall scenario for cooking events,
- Organization of more national cooking events,
- Organization of national multiplier events for the dissemination of the project results. Target groups are local/regional organizations, schools, local governments, and all who are involved in integration of newcomers.
- Evaluation of all activities (cooking events, game, multiplier events and dissemination)
- Project meeting in Berlin, followed by the final report.

Dissemination

European projects have to spread their results. That is why dissemination plays an important role. This newsletter is part of the dissemination.

In case you, as reader, represent an organization, which is interested in the results of NIK, follow the news on the NIK website or contact the NIK partner in your country. Addresses can be found on the website as well.

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