

## **NODES - CREATION OF AN EUROPEAN NETWORK OF MULTIMEDIA RESOURCE CENTRES FOR ADULT TRAINING**

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### **Abstracts:**

The SOCRATES GRUNDTVIG NODES project aims at promoting the use, in adult training / lifelong learning, of multimedia knowledge, in order to facilitate competitiveness, employability and mobility of adults who are victims of the digital divide or of some of its components such as distance, initial level of knowledge, language, use of complex technologies. There are three target groups: the people victims of physical and sensorial handicaps, the victims of digital divides and/or of a social handicap, the rural inhabitants (distance handicap). Lots of these people often have several handicaps: geographical and social isolation, handicap and digital divide. This is why the NODES device proposes to reach these target groups through the intermediary institutions and their networks. Each partner-country will associate one specific test group, for whom the follow up will be integrated to the project.

They are taking part 6 countries in the project: France (ENESAD), as coordinator, Czech Republic (Agricultural University of Prague), Ireland (University of Cork), Hungary (University of Debrecen), Romania (University of Sibiu), Spain (Technical University of Madrid)

Seven sessions and responsible of the consortium accordingly the aims of the project are the next:

- Coordination, Animation, Management, Monitoring (ENESAD-CNERTA)
- Specification of Needs and contents (ENESAD-CNERTA)
- Specification of devices/Tools; System design and network (University of Cork)
- Preliminary Interface Design (Technical University of Madrid)
- E-learning systems evaluation, which can be used in the NODES project (University of Debrecen)
- Technical implementation (Agricultural University of Prague)
- Training methods and validation (University of Sibiu)

In the 3 years project the consortium using the training and multimedia systems as a capital equipment. The Polycom ViewStation FX + VisualConcert FX system were used with the ENESAD videoconference and the Marratech client/server system (Video, Voice, Whiteboard, Chat ...) which are supported by NIID. This system is being the toolkit of the monthly telework conference in the project. This lecture is reviewing the achieved results in the sessions so far.