



Trakų Vytauto Didžiojo gimnazija

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Type of organisation:

SME School X University Public Authority
 Training No Profit NGO

Other (Specify)

Fields of action :

SMEs Youth Universities Public Authorities
 Equal opportunities Schools Unemployed

Description of the organisation

Trakų Vytauto Didžiojo gimnazija (Trakai Vytautas Magnus Gymnasium) is an institution providing secondary education which complies with national standards, developing skills and competencies vital to the active members of modern society. The total number of students is 625.

Trakų Vytauto Didžiojo gimnazija is an open-minded community ready to accept academic challenges and act with integrity and honesty. In cooperation with the community it develops a self-contained, ready to change, able to take over the innovation and responsible person.

Non-formal education, artistic and creative activities enable the students to find their talents and gain competencies vital for the active and modern Lithuanian citizen.

Experience of the organization in previous European projects

The gymnasium, as associated partner, participated in European Erasmus + project "E- learning from nature" (Project Number: 2015-1-IT02-KA201-015133). Participating in the project was a great support improving cooperative skills of our students and teaching to work them as a team. The students were not only encouraged to find some new information about protected areas that are close to their living place, the plants that grow and the birds that nest in the area, but they also had to help to create on-line lessons which was a great challenge as we had never done that before.

As associated partner our institution is also participating in the European Erasmus+ KA2 project "GoScience – creativity and enhanced comprehension in science teaching and learning" (Project Number: 2017-1-BG01-KA201-036209). Teachers and students participating in the project aim to create innovative methods and tools of teaching STEAM related subjects.

Physics and IT teacher Andrius Storta, biology teacher Sigita Zalitienė and English teacher Dalia Valikonienė actively participate and encourage their students to participate in various school, national and international projects. They have also been involved into mentioned European projects.

The teachers prepare teaching/learning tools together with their students and place them on the on-line learning platforms of the projects.

Andrius Storta and Sigita Zalitienė share their work experience in national school exhibition LITEXPO where they demonstrate teaching/learning tools, prepared together with their students, to students and teachers from other schools of Lithuania.

Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area

We, as associated partners, supported official partners with the developed activities and results in STEM related projects:

European Erasmus + project "E- learning from nature" (Project Number: 2015-1-IT02-KA201-015133).

European Erasmus+ KA2 project "GoScience – creativity and enhanced comprehension in science teaching and learning" (Project Number: 2017-1-BG01-KA201-036209)

Also we foster STEM in our school while using various methods and tools, as well got results in the projects.

Contributions that can be provided to the project

- Participation in research in the project and developing intellectual outputs
- Administration of the project activities and finances ensuring correct management, as well fluent collaboration with project coordinating and managing institutions.
- Involvement of associated partners/beneficiaries and other needed institutions of the project and ensuring collaboration with them.
- Producing needed reports
- Participating in project dissemination, evaluation, quality ensuring activities
- Developing project results and other needed activities

Reasons of involvement in the project

- We seek to achieve the aim and objectives related to the project and to develop activities together.
- We also seek to get and to share our practise and experience with other European institutions.

Within the project we seek:

- Improvement of our school students' achievements in STEM subjects, skills

- To address students under achievement in English as L2 and in STEM through the promotion of an effective strategy for teaching STEM subjects with the CLIL approach
- Promotion of a multidisciplinary approaches in education
- Promotion of a learner-centred pedagogical approaches
- Involvement of our school teachers who are dealing with STEM subjects and English with Content and Language Integrated Learning method with necessary knowledge and skills to develop their lectures through exemplary materials created by experts in the field
- Knowledge in CLIL based teaching materials and sources focusing on STEM curricula
- Creation (and participation) a community of practice through which STEM teachers share their CLIL materials and tips for teaching STEM in a foreign language
- Creation of a transnational network of secondary schools that will be directly involved in the project activities as associated partners.

As well for teachers, researchers, students benefit will feel on rising their qualification (to teach and train students on project's topics, to develop activities together).

Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

Dalia Valikonienė is a Geography and English teacher who started implementing content and language integrated learning while teaching Geography at Trakai Vytautas Magnus Gymnasium in 2014. She participated in Cita project: Cooperation and Innovation in Teachers' Associations (Erasmus+ 2014-1ES01-KA200-003382) which helped a lot with scaffolding techniques and lesson planning in CLIL.

Dalia Valikonienė also participated in European projects European Erasmus + project "E- learning from nature" (Project Number: 2015-1-IT02-KA201-015133) and European Erasmus+ KA2 project "GoScience – creativity and enhanced comprehension in science teaching and learning" (Project Number: 2017-1-BG01-KA201-036209).

Vida Drašutė since 2006 is Project manager. So far she was involved into more than 40 International projects in different areas, 3 of them National projects, and in 5 of the projects as coordinator. She is experienced in projects management, formal and non-formal education improvement and development analysis of educational possibilities, quality, adaptation of different methodologies in various education levels, development of critical thinking, e-learning and tools for e-learning encouragement in educational institutions, organization of courses, collaboration with different educational institutions.

She is a board member of Lithuanian Distance and eLearning Association and evaluator of e. learning programs provided by different institutions. She also works in the development of new learning approaches based on the use of innovations and creativity in a wide range of educational and training contexts, including pre-primary, primary, secondary and higher education, and vocational and continuous training.

Her main duties within the projects are management, research and analysis work. She is also responsible for projects' and events' dissemination and public relations.