

iTILT newsletter

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Dear Sir or Madam

Welcome to the iTILT newsletter, a regular publication aimed at keeping you informed as the project develops.

iTILT website launch phase

We are pleased to inform you that the iTILT-project has launched its web platform: www.itilt.eu. It provides teachers and teacher educators with materials to support communicative language teaching with the interactive whiteboard (IWB):

- [iTILT video resources](#) with examples of over 250 classroom activities for different languages, proficiency levels, and age groups from seven European countries
- the [iTILT training handbook](#) in six languages
- [iTILT teaching materials](#) for several languages, levels, and ages
- [iTILT library](#) with links to IWB material collections, IWB literature, information on copyright and much more.

We would also be very grateful if you could promote our website within your own institution and share with any other networks you belong to.

Second iTILT pilot

This month we will be starting the second pilot of our website. We will be using a questionnaire for this pilot but contacting a different target groups (companies, schools, universities) to get their feedback on our website and resources. We would greatly appreciate your feedback on our website and kindly ask you to complete a short online-questionnaire which will only take a few minutes: <http://bit.ly/13VXE7i>. The data we obtain will help us enhance the usability of the website.

“How to” iTILT-blogs

Over the coming months, members of the iTILT team will be writing blog posts to highlight some of the video resources on the website. The first of these is based on the first of the initial criteria that can be found in the [iTILT-manual](#) (page 14). This is a recommendation that “Activities or tasks should be designed around a real-life context and should have a clear communicative purpose.” The blog post features examples of IWB use filmed in classrooms and which illustrate teachers this in practice. Read more here: <http://www.itilt.eu/node/639>

Join us on the BETT-show in London

iTILT will be present at the BETT-show, London's annual learning technology event. Margret Oberhofer and Ton Koenraad will be presenting the results of iTILT on Friday February 1, from 10:00 to 10:30 am in the SMART Room (above the Bett exhibition floor). Founded in 1985, the BETT show (formerly known as the British Educational Training and Technology Show) expands every year and attracted last year 30,359 visitors from the world of learning.



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iTILT's key exploitation strategy realized

The project partners recently obtained Comenius/Grundtvig status for their research-based professional development course 'Using Interactive Whiteboards (IWB) in Language Education'. The course is based on the classroom practice research and resources developed in the course of the 2-year project lifetime and it is open to all interested in language teaching with the IWB, experienced or not.

Two course sessions and locations will be offered in 2013:

- July, 15-19, Department of Applied Linguistics, Technical University Valencia (Spain)
- August, 12-16, Faculty of Education, Aveiro University, (Portugal)

More information on the 2013 course can be found here: <http://bit.ly/XxohbN>

Course pre-registration is possible here: <http://bit.ly/XX5pWI>. Pre-registration for a limited number of remaining course places is still possible till May 6, 2013.

iTILT on WorldCALL in July 2013 in Glasgow

iTILT will be at [WorldCALL](#), presenting on a strand called "Discussion of CALL that reaches beyond the hype and the latest gadget to encompass longer term priorities and goals." This neatly summarises the approach to technology in this project. This international conference, to be held in Europe for the first time, brings together researchers and practitioners in computer-assisted language learning (CALL). In a paper entitled 'Interaction and interactivity in technology-rich second language classrooms: the iTILT project in France.' iTILT-partner Shona Whyte will present research based on data collected from the nine French teachers involved in iTILT.

iTILT at NL annual GFL teachers Conference

iTILT partner TELLConsult has been invited by the organisers of the annual National Conference for teachers of German as a second language in the Netherlands to present 'The use of Interactive Whiteboards in modern language education practice: a European perspective'. The presentation will focus on the experience gained during the European project iTILT. In this workshop we present a number of project results including the community webportal offering a database with video documents reporting the actual classroom practice of MFL teachers in 6 EU countries and a library of annotated links to external resources such as IWB files collections and relevant research literature. We conclude by discussing the iTILT criteria for evaluation and design of IWB materials. Find out more here: <http://bit.ly/WUAJC>

More about iTILT

Find out more by going to our website (<http://itilt.eu>) or by dropping us a line at info@itilt.eu. We also use **Twitter** (<http://twitter.com/ITiLTeu>), **Facebook** (<http://tinyurl.com/itilt>) and **LinkedIn** (<http://tinyurl.com/itilteu>) as well as posting IWB news and links to relevant resources using **Scoop It** (<http://www.scoop.it/iwbs-language-teaching>).

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