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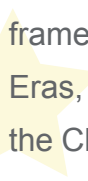


Dear ladies and gentlemen,  
dear colleagues,  
dear reader!

We are glad to present to your attention a fourth newsletter of the VIA LIGHT project. In the course of the fourth quarter of the year 2012 the following important events took place:



## 1. The second video conference of the VIA LIGHT project



The second video conference of the VIA LIGHT project took place on 17 November 2012. The main event of this conference was the presentation of the Chisinau Slavic University chancellor Tatyana Mlechko. She announced that a special course entitled “Theory and methodology of bilingual education and upbringing” had been officially included to the curriculum of the Slavic University by its senate. The given course will be taught to second year students. In the future, it will be possible to further develop this course to fit the academic framework of the Master programme. One of the experts of the VIA LIGHT project, Renate Eras, evaluated the inclusion of the above-mentioned special course to the curriculum of the Chisinau Slavic University as a “great success” and “important achievement of the project” that “has significance for all the European Union”.

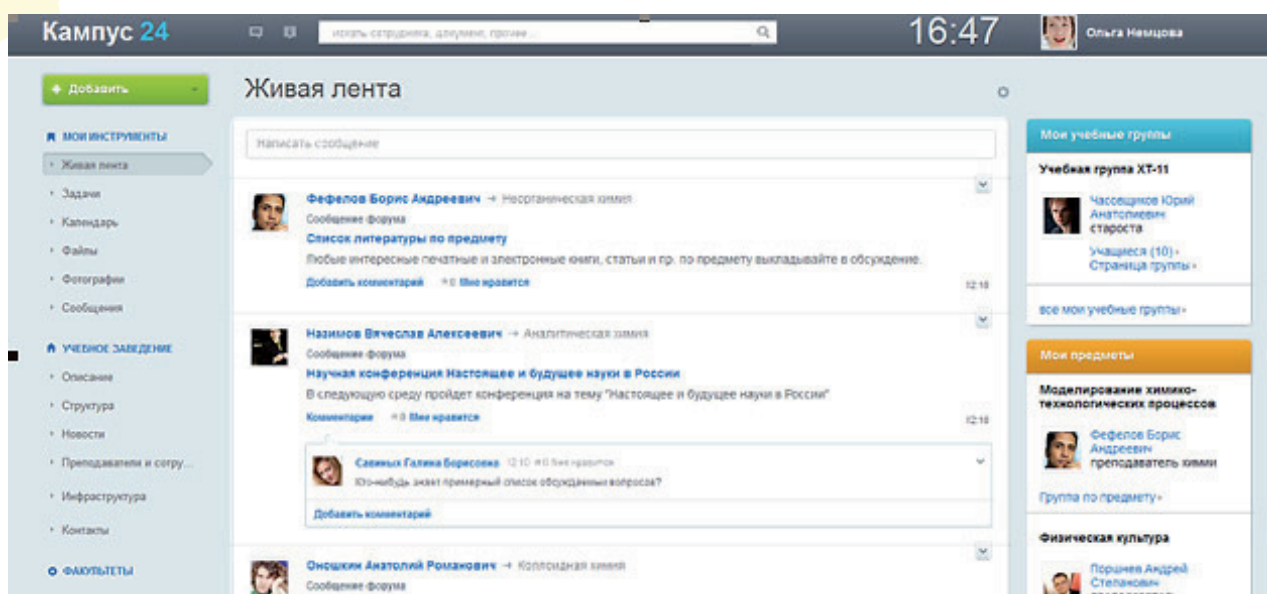


The second video conference of the project

## 2. The third video conference of the VIA LIGHT project

The third final online video conference of this year took place on 21 November 2012. During the conference two important events of the project's last quarter were discussed, namely: publication of the electronic book prepared by the Tallinn's "Liikuri" kindergarten with the title "Using elements of the Estonian language in work with children" and launching of the VIA LIGHT project's online training platform.

The project's media partner SCHLEICHER-FARM.COM informed the conference participants about the developed training platform on the base of the Site Control System from Bitrix. The choice for this platform has been made on the base of its usability and comfort. Conference participants positively evaluated the presentation of the Educational Internet Platform and showed their interest to learn more about it with the help of individual consultations with colleagues from SCHLEICHER-FARM.COM. It should be noted that the Educational Internet Platform as the base of modern education has been important part of professional development courses for teachers engaged in bilingual upbringing and education. This platform should become the core base of the Bilingual Pedagogy Centre (the main objective of the VIA LIGHT project), serving as a complement to it.



Training platform on the base of the Site Control System from Bitrix.





### **3. First project objectives have been achieved**

In spite of the fact that VIA LIGHT project started only in January 2012, there have already been achieved several intended objectives by now. The following are the most important outcomes of the project's first year:

#### **3.1. The Republic of Moldova: A special academic course entitled “Theory and methodology of bilingual education and upbringing” has been included to the curriculum of the Slavic University in Moldova**


As it has already been mentioned above, VIA LIGHT project has passed a very important period on its way to achieve the intended objectives: a special academic course entitled “Theory and methodology of bilingual education and upbringing” has been included to the curriculum of the Slavic University in Moldova.

The main target group of this course is third year students. This course consists of 16 hours of lectures, 14 hours of practical lessons and 30 hours of independent work.

The given course covers the following subjects: “Linguistic socialization of personality in the modern world”, “Forms and methods of the teaching and upbringing work aimed at the formation of bilingual and bicultural personality” and “Family in the system of the child bilingual development”.



### 3.2. Estonia: Presentation of the book “Using elements of the Estonian language in work with children”



Another important outcome of the VIA LIGHT project has been the publication of the electronic book with the title “Using elements of the Estonian language in work with children. The workbook for tutors in Russian-language kindergartens».

This book has been prepared by tutors of the Tallinn „Liikuri“ kindergarten in collaboration with four other kindergartens. It has significantly eased the pedagogical work of the Russian-speaking staff in the Estonian language. This book provides kindergarten tutors with necessary language tools to effectively prepare children for school at a good level of the state language proficiency. The first edition of the book consists of two parts: “Regimen issues in a kindergarten” and “Sketches on art skills”.

In January 2013, two additional chapters, namely, “Math activities” and “Motion activities” will be added to the book.



Presentation of the new professional training course at Tallinn University

**Dear friends,**

Thank you very much for being with us and following our project's developments!  
Stay with us in the coming year, too!

**We wish all the “parents” of the VIA LIGHT project, all our partners and friends much health, happiness and success in the New Year 2013!**

Peace and prosperity to all your nations and families!

Let our project be a part of the common contribution to the realisation of the mentioned wishes!

*Your VIA LIGHT project's team*

