What Should Language Teachers Be Doing to Keep Their English Alive?

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Marie Curie Career Integration Grant

- Scholars coming to Europe and the Associate Countries from other countries
- Scholars moving within European countries
- Within the first year of their career
- Applications twice a year: September and March

An interdisciplinary approach...

SLA Research

Professional development (reflective practice)

Instructional technology & design

Project Objectives

- Objective 1: Investigating foreign language teachers' professional development activities in Turkey in order to identify any needs for new professional development programs
- individually guided activities
- transcendence

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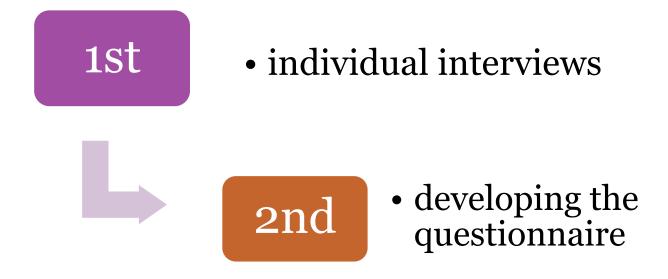
• Objective 2: Analyzing the current professional development practices in two European countries: Sweden and Italy in order to benefit from best practices and learn from weaknesses:

Project Objectives

• Objective 3 and 4: Resource and program development in light of state-of-the-art technologies (videos, website, webinars) and dissemination of these

Today's focus: Objective 1

 «EFL teachers' individually guided activities (professional development)



Questionnaire will have 3 sections:

- 1st section: demographic data about participants
- **2nd section:** find out EFL teachers' individually guided activities
- **3rd section:** previous and current professional activities; attitudes for and expectations from professional development

Questions in the 2nd section:

- will intend to find out:
 - Teachers' involvement with
 - a) technology (Internet, TV, reading websites in English, blogs, etc.)
 - b) Other means of media such as magazines, books and movies
 - c) European Language Portfolio (awareness and use)

Questions in the 3rd section:

- identifying the number and types of professional actitivies they attended
- What they feel about the current professional development activities
- How they think the activities should be

Items: Likert-type and open-ended where necessary

Reliability and Validity

- Pilot test the questionnaire with:
 - the same teachers I interviewed before
 - scientific coordinator of the project
 - two subject experts (one in SLA/ELT field, one in teacher education)

Reliability and Validity-2

- While pilot testing, respondents will be asked to state what they think each question means, and note down any criticisms & suggestions
- One the questionnaire is completed, I will implement test-retest reliability with a different group of 10 EFL teachers.

Thank you for listening.

My questions to you are:

- 1) Do you have any suggestions for the questionnaire?
- 2) What types of individually guided activities the EFL teachers might be doing?

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