



# European *Generation* Link

Promote European Citizenship  
through Intergenerational and Intercultural  
Learning

Multiplier Seminar, Baden, September 2008



- Agenda
- Organisational issues

## Hard Facts ...

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We qualify employees and unemployed people in economy, languages, clerical skills, commerce, and computer skills.

BEST, as certified ECDL Test Centre, offers qualification courses and examinations for the European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL and ECDL advanced).

We offer training facilities for 4,000 people and employ a staff of some 200 teachers and trainers.



## ...and Soft Skills

Working in teams, communication,  
networking, flexibility:

These skills have become important  
factors at the labour market.

The concepts for lifelong learning and  
accompanying coaching are part of our  
holistic approach





## BEST International Projects Department

Since Austria has joined the EU in 1995, BEST has been engaged in more than 40 European projects in the framework of the following EU programmes:

- LEONARDO DA VINCI
- SOCRATES-GRUNDTVIG
- Other European programmes:  
eTEN,  
EQUAL,  
Transversal Programme etc.





- **21 countries represented at our event:**

**Austria  
Belgium  
Bulgaria  
Czech Republic  
Finland  
France  
Germany  
Greece  
Hungary  
Latvia  
Lithuania  
Netherlands  
Norway  
Poland  
Portugal  
Romania  
Spain  
Slovenia  
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# EGL DVD Presentation





Duration: 2 years

1st October 2006 – 30th September 2008

15 operative partners from 15 European  
countries



# Background

Promoting the “European citizen” is one of the main objectives of European policy, but prejudices and narrow-minded attitudes still linger on. The treasure of older people who have experienced a multilingual and multicultural life were “unearthed” and this knowledge was transferred to younger generations before it literally “died out”.



## The project “European Generation Link” aimed at:

- Promoting intergenerational learning: older people told their stories of living in various European countries (e.g. displaced persons during World War II, allied soldiers in occupied countries, migrant workers, refugees from East European countries during the Cold War), young people documented them in an interactive library and simultaneously taught them basic IT skills.
- Promoting understanding of historical backgrounds and providing reflection in order to increase tolerance and to reduce prejudices and xenophobia



# EGL: Operative Structure



# Our main outputs

- Platform “European Generation Link: Interactive Internet-based Library”: contains documents that can be searched under various parameters
- The “European Generation Link Guidelines” inform about organisational and didactical aspects of the platform
- Deployment plan for a sustainable implementation of the project





# Thank you for your attention!



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