CLIL in job shadowing:benefits and challenges

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Job shadowing. What is it?

Job shadowing is an exchange programme for teachers, which envolves spending time alongside the host teacher in her or his

day-to-day work.



Job shadowing objectives

- 1. Observe lessons and the environment of the host teacher.
- 2. Compare the education systems of both countries involved.
- 3. Compare teacher's methodology and performance.
- 4. Take the best ideas and improve.

Our job shadowing experience in Hungary









Our job shadowing experience in Lithuania

Vilniaus Karoliniškių
Gymnasium
(Reka and Gražina)

Vilniaus Mykolo Biržiškos
Gymnasium
(Apolonia and Lina)





Definition of CLIL

CLIL is an umbrella term which encompasses

any activity in which a foreign language is used
as a tool in the learning of a non language
subject, in which both language and subject have
a joint role. (D. Coyle, 2009)

Vilniaus Karoliniškių Gymnasium (Reka and Gražina)

- CLIL spectrum from subject matter teaching to integrated lessons
- Issues to consider:

time
efficiency of teaching
qualified teachers



Vilniaus Karoliniškių Gymnasium

- Project Maths and English
- Questionnaries on three topics



Vilniaus Karoliniškių Gymnasium

- Benefits: motivation, change in methodology, authentic language use, cooperation between teachers
- Challenges: time, students` Maths skills, proficiency in English



CLIL Project Outcome

- Digital competence
- Information processing
- Cooperation in a group
- Transferable skills (analysing figures, making charts and graphs)



Project Outcome challenges < benefits







Vilniaus Mykolo Biržiškos Gymnasium (Apolonia and Lina)



Integrating content and language in teaching during the shadowing week





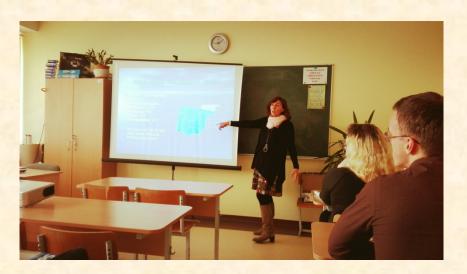
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*Geography lesson:

"Tourism: the best and the worst"

*Education system in Spain

*Teaching Spanish language through English language





Integrating content and language in teaching during the shadowing week

* English-Astronomy

* English-Chemistry in cooperation with a chemistry teacher

*Presentations of 11th class students "The History of Lithuanian language"





Challenges of CLIL teacher might have

*Relating CLIL to the job shadowing through needs analysis

*Both teachers (host and shadow) applying CLIL in the same way.

*Balance between subject and language (CLIL should be flexible and dynamic)

*To fit into 45 min and find the way to get the foreign students' attention

Challenges student might have

- *The lack of knowledge and experience of CLIL
- *To accept a foreign teacher and her methodology
- *To be flexible and curious



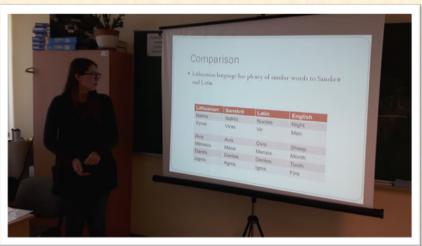
Benefits

(teachers and students)

- *Integration of a (cultural) subject in every lesson.
- *Teaching and learning about the partner's culture and education system.
- *Finding out about advantages and drawbacks of living in a different culture.
- *Gaining new experience in the English-Chemistry lesson where both teachers co-operated.
- *Learning specifics about the partner's job.
- *Feeling the hospitality.

Our best memories









Conclusions

- *Job shadowing is the greatest experience we have ever had.
- *We tried to experience CLIL in every possible activity in a very short time.
- *Due to the job shadowing experience we have seen that CLIL is a real umbrella which encompasses any activity in which a foreign language is used as a tool in the learning of a content subject.

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Thank you for your attention

