

Work Package 6

Activities to date: In Work Package 6, emphasis was laid on two aspects:

- a) collection of data and production of a report compiling the data;
- b) preparation of basic language modules by means of examination of previous work done (specifically the LDV ORION project), identification of course material that could be suitable for CLIL (Content and Language Learning) methodology

Future plans:

Future plans concentrate on finishing activities to date. Review of European academic and school language and marine science course/provision. Basic language modules online in 8 languages. Review of European developments in language teaching and learning, including CLIL methodology. This is an area where many changes are taking place and the WP Leader has been disseminating information about these changes both to the core group and to interested partners in AQUATNET meetings. Consultation with WP5 must also take place soon in order to work out how best to make the Work Package results available to all AQUATNET partners.

Difficulties, problems and constraints:

A major difficulty concerns the budget cut, which in this Work Package has meant that activities have had to take place within the structure of other EU projects. However, despite this, the main aims and objectives have been able to be carried out, albeit with a certain amount of delay. Another problem concerned the health of the WP leader who had to withdraw from one meeting, and from the work of the project, for about 3 months in the summer of 2006. In addition, the Norwegian partner (Mr. William O'Connell) most concerned with the work has left Norway. However, it is anticipated that he will be replaced by another active partner from the same institution. Lack of consultation (for a variety of reasons) has also led to inadequacies and omissions. This has to be addressed at the present meeting.