



# TLC PACK

Teaching Languages to Caregivers

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### Video production in full swing

At the heart of the TLC Pack project are 30 language learning resource videos aimed at migrant workers, either working or with ambitions to work in the care giving sector. The resources are being produced in the six languages of the project partners: Dutch, English, German, Greek, Italian & Spanish.

The 30 videos (per language), plus an additional intercultural learning resource, are accompanied by learner activities to be undertaken in a classroom or self-study environment; available to learners free of charge for online and offline use.

Since July 2014 the project partners have been working on the first phase of videos, with each partner undertaking the production of 5 videos, based on the 6 thematic units of the project:

**Communication**

**Daily tasks**

**Food & nutrition**

**Free-time activities**

**Health**

**Post-hospital care**



A scene from the 'Communication' unit filmed by partner Volkshochschule im Landkreis Cham e.V., Germany



Filming by the Belgian International Academy for Film and Television (AIFT) with partner Linguapolis, Belgium

All videos have been produced to include optional subtitles, offering a degree of flexibility for teachers and learners, depending on learner needs.

Piloting of the videos with a combination of learners, teachers and care work professionals is just coming to an end, which leads the team into the next stage of development, including the production and testing of further units and videos.

Visit the TLC Pack website to obtain further information about the project and to find out how you can get involved.

You can also review the pilot videos at:

[www.language-for-caregivers.eu/pilot\\_videos.html](http://www.language-for-caregivers.eu/pilot_videos.html)



## Production tales

The **Linguapolis team in Belgium** has created the first instance of the 'Daily tasks' unit, enlisting the production support of the International Academy for Film and Television (AIFT) in Antwerp. The main characters in the videos were played by three care centre residents aged over 75.

The videos were shot at care centre Gitschotelhof (Zorgbedrijf), where the TLC Pack crew was warmly welcomed by both residents and care givers.



*A scene from the 'Free-time activities' unit filmed by partner Language Education & Partnerships UK*

**UK partner LEAP** has concentrated on developing the 'Free-time activities' unit, with videos focusing on a care giver arranging a local visit for people receiving care, providing a light exercise class, facilitating craft activities, accompanying a person on a walk and stimulating a conversation about a person's life and personal history.

In completing the videos for the 'After hospital care' unit **Italian partner ASEV** made good use of in-house talent to play the roles of various characters. While not quite Hollywood, there was still a sense of being 'movie stars' during the production process.



*The charming ASEV offices in Empoli, Italy*



*Participants at the 'TLC Pack learning materials for teachers' workshop in Madrid*

As part of the TLC Pack piloting phase a training workshop under the name of "TLC Pack learning materials for teachers" was held at the offices of **Instituto do Formación Integral (IFI) in Madrid**. Professionals from a number of organisations working with migrants attended.

Video and learning materials related to daily routines of people working as care givers were presented to participants. Following debate around the perceived effectiveness of the learning materials the participants concluded that the materials were attractive to both trainers and learners.



**Greek partner IDEC** has produced the language learning unit 'Food and nutrition'. Within this learning unit the sub-topics of making a shopping list, snacks, a visit to a restaurant, serving food and dinner are all included. As with all units produced in the pilot phase, testing has been undertaken with migrant workers within the care giving sector.

## Dissemination events

**UK:** **LEAP** hosted a stand at the Erasmus+ dissemination conference in Birmingham, with the TLC Pack project the focal point of the stand. Members of the team were able to share project information and links with conference attendees, as well as discuss the project within two of the scheduled sessions. The event attracted around 300 visitors, many of whom represented language organisations in the UK.



*A VHS staff member presents the TLC Pack project at Expolingua in Berlin*

**Germany:** The annual EXPOLINGUA Berlin event took place on the 21st and the 22nd of November with TLC Pack present. Almost 10,000 people took part in the two-day event. The **Volkshochschule im Landkreis Cham e.V.** presented the project during the exhibition, where stand visitors were able to learn more about the project.

The coordinating institution held a workshop for over 30 language teachers, teacher trainers, language learners and language enthusiasts, featuring the TLC Pack project.

**ITALY:** In October the offices of ASEV hosted an open day for European projects to showcase its international work. A dedicated space was assigned to the promotion of the TLC Pack project.

**Spain:** In January 2015 **IFI** delivered a conference featuring the TLC Pack project, entitled 'European projects: challenges & opportunities'. The conference was hosted at Confederacion de Empresarios de Madrid (CEIM), a business association which offered support in the organisation of the event.

More than 45 stakeholders attended from business associations, Adult education Centres, Migrant associations, VET institutions, NGOs, teachers, and related professionals together with small businesses and unemployed workers.

### TLC Pack meeting Madrid January 2015

Representatives from the six TLC Pack partner organisations gathered at the Madrid offices of Instituto de Formación Integral (IFI) for the third project meeting.

The focus of the meeting was the review and evaluation of the first round of learning materials, considering their production, piloting and relevance to future development.



*Attendees from the project partners creating the TLC Pack hand sign - Madrid January 2015*

Over an intense two days the team were able to refine the strategy and action plan for the continuing development of the TLC Pack resources in line with the project application.



## Partners

- Volkshochschule im Landkreis Cham,  
(coordinator) Germany [www.vhs-cham.de](http://www.vhs-cham.de)
- ASEV (Agenzia per lo Sviluppo Empolese  
Valdelsa) Italy [www.asev.it](http://www.asev.it)
- IDEC (AINTEK A.E.)  
Greece [www.idec.gr](http://www.idec.gr)
- IFI (Instituto de Formación Integral, S.L.U.)  
Spain [www.ifionline.com](http://www.ifionline.com)
- LEAP (Language Education & Partnerships  
Ltd) UK [www.leaponline.eu](http://www.leaponline.eu)
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