

## **SUN.COM - Sustainable Networking through a Language Learning Community**

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### **Abstract**

Language learning nowadays is increasingly taking place online and in an informal way. SUN.COM, which stands for Sustainable Networking Community, is a project implemented in the framework of Lifelong Learning Programme (Key Activity 2- Languages) and is developing an online language learning community for 9 languages (Greek, Polish, Czech, Albanian, Slovenian, Italian, Latvian, Romanian and Russian). The learning in the SUN.COM online community comes mainly as a result of the informal interaction between the users of the platform around 6 pre-selected topics: Society, Communication, Holidays, Free Time, Work and Media. The users are able to use the material and the forum in order to exchange opinions and ideas, to meet their friends online and discuss on specific subjects but also to use the help of experienced facilitators in order to improve their linguistic competencies. The platform has all the functionalities which are necessary in order to develop all the main skills of language learning. It focuses on less widely spoken languages and in the lower levels (A1- B1) of the Common European Reference Framework. The SUN.COM project has developed a model which describes the steps which are necessary in order to establish such an informal language learning community, the roles of the different actors, the ways to motivate the learners and promote interaction between the users, the way to ensure the informal character of this interaction etc. This model has been implemented in the learning community specially built for the project <http://sunlangcom.vision-solutions.gr>.