



Euregioschool. Learning Neighbouring Languages through Exchange

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Not only in the European border regions is the position of the neighbouring languages crumbling under the dominance of English, in everyday life as well as in the school curricula. However, in the open, cross-border societies of border regions competences in the neighbouring language are a sine qua non for active citizenship. Young people can acquire these skills only in an expanded and motivating learning of the neighbouring language. Studies show that contact with peers who speak the target language as their mother tongue is a key motivational factor for language learning. Situated in the border region of Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands and drawing on models such as e-twinning and tandem learning the Euregioschool aims to elaborate a concept for cross-border language learning for students aged between 8 and 15. Teacher training colleges, schools and experts cooperate to elaborate and evaluate a teachers' handbook on cross-border language learning. The website is available in Dutch, French and German.