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**MobLang**



**INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE & LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY**

Communication in a foreign language can hinder developing bonds, thus deterring efficient cross-cultural relations and dialogue. A rudimentary knowledge of the language used by one's conversational partner is usually appreciated and creates a comforting atmosphere which also nurtures further growth of the relationship.

The Project, undertaken within Lifelong Learning Programme, "MobLang" facilitates intercultural dialogue and intends to contribute to the linguistic diversity that exists between people living in the same country, specifically Greece. This type of enlargement of cognitive horizons of Greek and Albanian nationals via the acquisition of useful and interesting knowledge concerning each other's language and culture leads to more human and meaningful social contact. It can also contribute to one's professional and academic development.

### **Main principles of the project**

Today's Europeans are very busy and thus lack the opportunity to learn a language that is not widespread. The exploitation of technology and specifically the recently presented developments in flexible learning can offer a feasible alternative approach. Mobile telephones give people the opportunity to learn anything anytime, at their own pace, even during their free time, while waiting for services, commuting, etc.

The proposed program applies the flexible ancillary learning of languages and contributes to the support of less-widespread, less-taught and also less-used European languages. The particular series of micro-language courses will be incorporated into a social and cultural framework which will include activities, proposals, exercises, games, competitions of knowledge, as well as access to a live teacher.

### **Scope of the tender**

Awareness raising and development of new materials and/or on-line courses Language barriers between individuals of different ethnic groups living in the same country and of Europeans visiting other countries for business or pleasure hinder natural interaction.

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## Objectives

“MobLang” will focus on the distribution and briefing of Turkish language and culture in Cyprus, Basque in Spain, Gaelic in Northern Ireland, and Turkish and Albanian in Greece.

## Target Groups

For the duration of the program but also after its completion, we hope that “MobLang” will be developed and spread to and by children, students, schoolteachers, parents, students, businessmen, and travelers.

The program’s aim is to give individuals that reside in the same country the opportunity to create friendships, professional relationships, and more generally avenues of communication.

## Partners

- Cyprus Neuroscience & Technology Institute (CNTI) – Cyprus (Coordinator)
- Cyprus University of Technology Language Centre – Cyprus
- Elhuyar Foundation – Spain
- Luzia Limited – United Kingdom
- St. Mary's University College, Queens University Belfast – United Kingdom
- Dromos – Immigrant and Refugee Group – Greece

## Duration

From December 2009 until November 2011 (24 Months)

## Funding Body

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