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Dear Colleague!

We would like to invite you to take part in our residential courses which are organised for various groups of education professionals interested in the development of learners' creativity and thinking skills.

All the courses are included in the Comenius/Grundtvig catalogue of the European Commission and **are eligible for funding that covers all costs** associated with them.

You are welcome to choose any of the four courses (more detailed information about each course is provided below):

1. Creativity and Thinking Skills in Language Education

- Key target audience: language teachers and teacher trainers (any language).

2. Creativity and Key Competences of Children Aged 3-10 through OTSM-TRIZ (General Theory of Powerful Thinking based on the Theory of Inventive Problem Solving)

- Key target audience: pre-school, primary school teachers and teacher trainers.

3. Problem Management and Effective Education Based on TRIZ (Theory of Inventive Problem Solving)

- Key target audience: professionals interested in improving their approaches to problem solving and problem management.

4. Teaching Russian in Europe: Development of Creativity and Thinking Skills of Learners

- Key target audience: teachers and teacher trainers of Russian as a foreign language and a mother tongue.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any further information.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Latvia!

On behalf of the trainers' team,

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Course 1. Creativity and Thinking Skills in Language Education

Course dates:

Option 1: 10 - 16 Apr 2011 (deadline for grant applications in [your National Agency](#) is 15 Sep 2010)

Option 2: 18 - 24 Sep 2011 (deadline for grant applications in [your National Agency](#) is 30 April 2011)

Venue:

- Jurmala, Latvia (25 km from Riga, the capital of the country)

Objective:

- Provide the participants with tools for the development of creativity and thinking skills in language education.

Course contents:

- Creativity and thinking skills in learning grammar. Developing and testing own grammar rules.
- Powerful thinking when working with a text. Creative works in language learning.
- Learner autonomy. E-resources for teaching language and thinking.

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Course 2. Creativity and Key Competences of Children Aged 3-10 through OTSM-TRIZ (General Theory of Powerful Thinking based on the Theory of Inventive Problem Solving)

Course dates:

Option 1: 9 - 15 Jan 2011 (deadline for grant applications in [your National Agency](#) is 15 Sep 2010)

Option 2: 20 - 26 Nov 2011 (deadline for grant applications in [your National Agency](#) is 30 Apr 2011)

Venue:

Jurmala, Latvia (25 km from Riga, the capital of the country)

Objective:

- Provide the participants with tools for the development of children's creativity and thinking skills.

Course contents:

- Practical tools for the development of creativity and thinking skills in pre-school and primary education.
- Problem solving and research with young and very young learners.
- Examples of lessons and their analysis together with the participants.

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Course 3. Problem Management and Effective Education Based on TRIZ (Theory of Inventive Problem Solving)

Course dates:

Option 1: 20 - 26 Feb 2011 (deadline for grant applications in [your National Agency](#) is 15 Sep 2010)

Option 2: 2 - 8 Oct 2011 (deadline for grant applications in [your National Agency](#) is 30 Apr 2011)

Venue:

Jurmala, Latvia (25 km from Riga, the capital of the country)

Objective:

- Provide the participants with tools and ideas for improving their current approaches to problem solving and problem management.

Course contents:

- Main models of TRIZ are introduced in the context of practical problem solving done by the participants.
- TRIZ based classes for the participants to demonstrate educational application of TRIZ.
- TRIZ is used throughout the course to solve practical problems of the participants.

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Course 4. Teaching Russian in Europe: Development of Creativity and Thinking Skills of Learners

Course dates:

Option 1: 20 - 26 March 2011 (deadline for grant applications in [your National Agency](#) is 15 Sep 2010)

Option 2: 23 - 29 Oct 2011 (deadline for grant applications in [your National Agency](#) is 30 Apr 2011)

Venue:

Jurmala, Latvia (25 km from Riga, the capital of the country)

Objective:

- Provide the participants with tools for the development of creativity and thinking skills of learners when teaching Russian.

Course contents:

- Tasks and technologies for the development of thinking skills when working with texts.
- Tasks and technologies for the development of thinking skills when working with grammar.
- Development of thinking tasks for a specific context of the participants.

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