

# SMILE NEWS

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## EXPLORE 'GOOD PRACTICES' WITH SMILE!

During the first year of the project the partners in the Network for Social and Market Inclusion through Language Education (SMILE) have identified areas and target groups that can benefit from the promotion and learning of less widely used and taught languages (LWUTLs) and have performed a research on good practice examples in their countries. The partners selected good practices and methodologies for promotion of linguistic diversity and LWUTLs with focus on their practical application in different sectors. Over 300 good practices covering 34 countries and 46 languages are available on the project website [www.smile-network.eu](http://www.smile-network.eu) through a user-friendly search engine.

## SMILE Network at Work!



Sofia, 24-25 April 2014



Malta, 23-24 October 2014



Athens, 26-27 February 2015



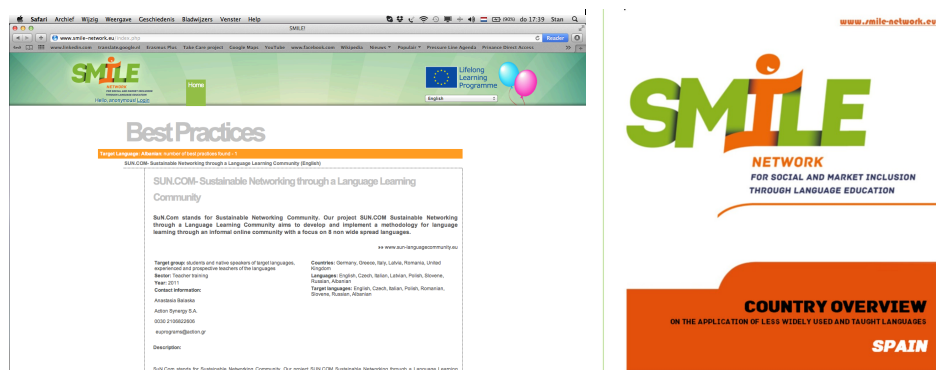
## OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

for learning less widely used and taught languages

The SMILE network aims to support the European and national language policies through researching, identifying and spreading the successful results of good practices for promoting linguistic diversity with particular focus on the learning of LWUTLs. The SMILE partners have developed *Country Overviews* covering 15 European countries and providing information about important European and national policies in the field of language learning and promotion of linguistic diversity. The documents also focus

on the collection of good practices, their practical application in sectors identified as a user-friendly environment for accommodation of LWUTLs as well as successful methodologies and approaches for learning and promotion of LWUTLs.

The *Country Overview* documents draw conclusions on the opportunities and challenges for promotion of LWUTLs related to labour market and social inclusion as well as their importance for the economic, social and cultural spheres of Europe's life.



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## NEXT STEPS

Based on the *Country Overviews* the SMILE network will develop in the coming months a *Situational Analysis* providing information about the needs related to language learning and solutions for meeting them through non-traditional methodologies at European level.

At the end of 2015, the partners will hold 4 workshops in Germany where they will carry out a focused discussion on the project findings with regard to the opportunities for accommodation of LWUTLs in the identified sectors. The discussions will result in the production of communication papers providing conclusions and recommendations on possibilities for enhancement of the impact from the promotion of linguistic diversity in the 15 partner countries and beyond.

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