

ATTEMPT – Attractive Training Techniques to Empower Parents and Teachers



From 4-5 March 2011 the project partners met for the kick-off meeting in Ancona. The project is led by the Italian organisation social cooperative COOSS MARCHE ONLUS and brings together the competences of the University of Urbino, two training and research organisations, Baobab from Spain and CEFERH (Centre de recherche et de formation en ressources humaines) from France, TP-teatern a Non-Profit organisation from Sweden and the Y.E.S. Forum. This first meeting was about to get to know each other and to share information on the objectives

and the overall management of the project.

Funded by the European Daphne programme, ATTEMPT stands for Attractive Training Techniques to Empower Parents and Teachers. It is based on a previous enquiry on bullying, involving both adults (parents, teachers and institutions) and children. When talking about bullying the project defines it as “psychological, verbal or physical violence perpetrated by a group towards a vulnerable victim”. Starting from suggestions of this enquiry, the new project intends to experiment innovative communication practices among parents, teachers and children to help them to develop coping and empowering strategies to better face bullying situations. The project will therefore aim to identify the most serious relational and communication problems teachers and families meet when a bullying situation emerges and to design a training course to develop coping strategies.

In a next phase the University of Urbino will be responsible for designing a questionnaire. This time the enquiry is focusing more on attitudes of parents, trainers and teachers when bullying is becoming an issue in the group they are taking care of. The questionnaire tends to investigate "what would they do if" their child/student was a victim, was a bully, etc.... It is more centred on relations, reactions and strategies how to deal with bullying. Each partner will then be free to decide the schools they want to involve in the project. The questionnaires results will reveal the needs of that environment, and the training will be designed accordingly. The analysis will be limited to a small sample of parents and teachers. It will concentrate on 12-14 years old children, and to involve 30 parents and 30 teachers per country. ATTEMPT is going to be a very concrete project, whose aim is to design and test an innovative approach to empower adults when faced with bullying situations. Following this between April and June the questionnaire will be translated in the partner's language, agreements are made with the schools, privacy issues are dealt with, questionnaires will be submitted to the selected adults. Then between June and September data will be analysed and reported for common discussion during the second meeting.



The next meeting will take place in Gothenburg September, hosted by TP-Teatern. The meeting will focus on the method Interactive Theatre as a pedagogical tool that encourage participants' interaction and explores different options for dealing with a problem such as bullying.

If you are interested in this method, please [contact us](#).