Workshop – Prague – 14th / 15th April 2016

Supporting multilingual classrooms

What are the benefits of multi/plurilingualism for children from plurilingual background?

 - Cooperate with friends, mutual help

 - Learn another language

 - Socialise, make penfriends

 - Learn a new culture

 - Be aware of the differences between languages

 - Be aware of the structure of their own language

 - Do not forget their own language

 - Better chance for future success (the more languages, the better)

 - Realise the national identity

 - Build their self-esteem

 - Feel accepted

 - Develop cultural awareness

 - Support in language lessons

 - Motivate others

 - Break prejudice

 - Develop all kinds of skills next to linguistic competences

 - Discover new ways of working on languages

 - Understand the language structure

 - Communicate

 - Understand one’s mistakes in the school language

 - Feel more involved in a new environment

 - Possibility of paying attention to something unusual

What are the benefits of multi/plurilingualism for children from monolingual background?

 - less prejudice

 - open-minded

 - find new friends

 - learn about a new language

 - language awareness

 - cultural awareness

 - supporting motivation

 - learn about new habits in other cultures

 - get more self-esteem, self-confidence

 - learn hard skills

 - widen the area for research; get information from various cultural backgrounds and contexts

 - establish their future position in a multicultural community

 - get good academic knowledge of first language

 - practise new languages

 - solve problems together with friends

 - motivate to get to know more about others

 - learn a foreign language through their mother tongue (comparing particular grammatical features)

 - get information about particular countries

 - become more tolerant towards other cultures

 - motivate them to learn other languages