

An exciting European project started in 2018, V-PAL, aiming to provide a platform and know-how for language teachers in adult education to produce, share and peer-review hand-held videos of their own teaching practices as a method for strengthening their teaching skills.

What are in focus within V-PAL?

V-PAL brings together 6 partners from Denmark, Spain, Germany, Romania and Cyprus who will work on the:

1. Development of V-PAL teacher training

The project consortium develops and implements a V-PAL teacher training for *50 teachers* in sharing teaching practice via video. The training will take place online, face-to-face and at the work places (schools) of the teachers from October 2019 to April 2020.



2. Production of Peer Practice videos

The participating teachers will produce 150 Peer Practice videos in total. After the project period, these will be accessible for all in the open V-PAL Platform.

3. Production of the V-PAL Platform

The V-PAL Platform for sharing and discussing the Peer Practice videos will be developed and ready to test in September 2019. Participating teachers will give feedback on the V-PAL platform during the V-PAL Teacher training. The V-PAL Platform will be open for all to use from August 2020.

4. Development of the V-PAL Handbook

A freely accessible Handbook will be elaborated including instructions on how to make Peer Practice videos and use the V-PAL platform along with a short video showing the process.

Have you heard about Peer Practice before?

Peer Practice is a video ethnographic method designed to help teachers, educators and professors document and share their teaching practices through short, inspirational videos. Through recording their own practices on video using their own smartphones or tablets, the teachers show and share what is hard to describe with words alone – the teaching situation – in combination with ‘behind the scenes’ reflections on why and when the shown practice can be useful to others.



In this **short video** - in Danish with English subtitles - we explain the WHAT and the WHY behind Peer Practice.

If you're a language teacher in adult education and would like to join the V-PAL community check our project website at www.v-pal.eu.

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