

## **Communicating in English between Principals and Subcontractors in Airspace and Automotive Industry**

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### **Abstract**

The present article introduces CADOS, the language project developed within the EU Leonardo da Vinci programme and co-funded by EC. This project focuses on the development of language skills for communication in technical English between principals and subcontractors in airspace and automotive industry. Therefore the following subject-field related modules are offered: Introducing the subcontracting company, Negotiating a contract, Research and Development, Production, Planning and logistics, Quality management. Each module is based on authentic materials collected in industrial plants and processed into a series of listening/video sequences followed by task-based exercises. The materials have been developed in the Telos Language Partner programme, template-based multimedia author software. A method of blended learning forms the basis of materials exploitation in practice; learners can work either independently or under the teacher's guidance in class or even in international teams. The platform Moodle has been used as a main source of work with the materials because it enables a comprehensive approach to learning tasks including their supervision and continuous assessment. To provide a feedback on the materials already produced, an integral part of the materials development was the testing divided into piloting for the first three modules of the project and international networking for the last three modules. While piloting was done locally at the individual partner institutions, networking was carried on in international teams of five participants from France, Czech Republic, Latvia, and Finland. Each team was supervised by a tutor from the respective partner institution. Questionnaires were created for final assessment of each stage of testing for both the learners and the teachers. These questionnaires then served as a basis for materials final amendments. The final output of the project is a multimedia language package available on the web as well as on DVD for employees of industrial companies and students in mechanical engineering. CADOS is language for getting things done, for people who roll up their sleeves and make things work.