How to develop (and fund) more effective KA1 projects?
Discussion of widely spread assumptions

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Aim

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Obstacle

Mental inertia: things we believe are true without questioning

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The bat costs 1 euro more than the ball.
How much is the ball?
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Some lessons learned

- It's best if the management are aware of the 'new' content;
- Teachers always need someone to talk to in the staff room;
- Incubation period for a change – at least a year (usually two), most learning takes place after the input during the course;
- Many applicants still think in terms of Comenius approach – they plan courses rather than projects and do it in a rather eclectic way – just putting together different useful parts of a car doesn't necessarily end up being a car.
A Few Things that Work with Us

- Courses for teachers and management
- Two levels of courses + distant support
- Joined projects following the courses
Thanks for your participation!

Questions & comments are always welcome!

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