Language Social Sciences Law and Economics

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#### **CONTENT AND LANGUAGE INTEGRATED LEARNING**

Methodology CLIL

Improves The Language Itself

at the same time

Enhances Crosscurricular and Thinking Skills

Problem Solving Risk Assessment

Creativity

**Critical Thinking** 

**Decision Taking** 

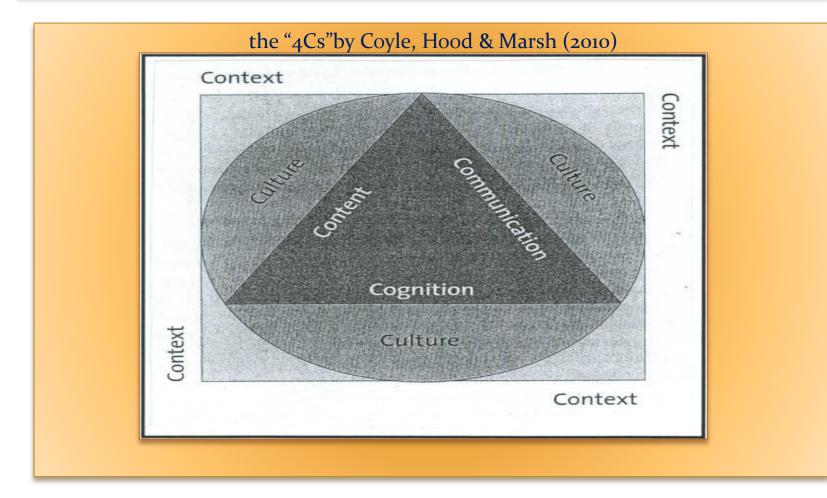
**Constructive Management of Feelings** 

**Initiative** 

#### In **CLIL** performances are

The result of two key elements, FL & Subject
Knowledge

the combination of further components of a subject specific task



Disciplines can be grouped into three broad areas according to the characteristics of language rather than the content covered:

-Humanistic and Social Disciplines;

-Scientific and Technical Disciplines;

-Artistic and Practical Disciplines

(Wolff, Quartapelle, 2011).

The so-called Humanities, such as Philosophy, History and Social Sciences, use a language.....

- ✓ closer to everyday life,
- ✓ relatively polysemic,
- ✓ which makes extensive use of connotation
- ✓ which may produce cultural interferences

little use of visual materials, but sometimes.....

 teachings concerning social situations and events are illustrated with pictures, charts, diagrammes and videos

✓ lessons mostly relay on verbal exchange

#### In Scientific Disciplines

- ✓ the words are polysemous
- ✓ the words have a clear meaning
- ✓ objects, images, symbols, graphs, mathematical code frequently occur

In Disciplines such as Music, Art, Physical Education

✓ forms of representation prevalent
✓ the language use is reduced
✓ L. supplemented by gestures and facial expressions

In different subjects the linguistic and communicative activities occur in different degrees

**ESP** English for Special Purposes

**EAP** English for Academic Purposes

**CBI** Content and Based Instruction

**EFL** English as Foreign Language

**FLAC** Foriegn Language across the Curriculum



#### **Agreement** on the fact it is a way of combining subject and foreign language (FL) learning

Differing views as to its purpose:

whether it is primarily an exercise in learning subjects, or in becoming more fluent in a language.



Different teachers subject teachers language teachers

**Different amount of curriculum time** 

**SPONTANEOUS QUESTIONS** 

Why is CLIL important?

**How does CLIL work?** 

What are its advantages?

**How does the classroom react?** 

What's the future of CLIL?

Where is CLIL happening?

#### IMPORTANT The social-cultural context

Since the 1990s the European Commission has had a clear vision of a multilingual Europe in which people can function in two or three languages.

- Expansion of the European Union / Increased Contact between Countries
- Communication as Central Issue

#### IMPORTANT "RETHINKING EDUCATION"

## L2 Competence a Key Dimension to Update European Education Sistems

#### CLIL Motive Force for the Renwal and Bettering of School Curricula

A Major Contribution to Make to The Union's Language Learning Goals

#### **IMPORTANT**

- Effective Opportunities for Pupils to Use their New Language Skills Now
- Exposure to the Language without Requiring Extra Time in the Curriculum, which can be of particular interest in vocational settings". (European Commission, 2003).

#### **IMPORTANT**

Helps to Build **Key Competences for Lifelong Learning** 

Critical Thinking, Creativity,

Initiative,

Problem Solving, Risk Assessment, Decision Taking

**Constructive Management of Feelings.** 

IMPORTANT These Competences

**Basis for** 

- Taking an Active Part in Society
- for Learning throughout Life (ability to learn)

(Recommendation of the European Parliament and of the Council, 2006).

#### **HOW CLIL WORKS**

Content subjects taught and learnt in a language different from mother tongue

Knowledge of language As means of the learning content

Language integrated into the broad curriculum

# **HOW CLIL WORKS**

- Language seen in real-life situations
- Natural language development based on other forms of learning
- Learning improved through increased motivation.

# **HOW CLIL WORKS**

- FLUENCY ,more important than accuracy developed by using English for a variety of purposes
- **Reading** is the essential skill.

#### The Advantages of CLIL

helps to Introduce the wider cultural context

Prepare for internationalisation

 Access Intern. Certification and enhance the school profile

# The advantages of CLIL

 Improve overall and specific language competence

 Prepare for future studies and / or working life

Develop multilingual interests and attitudes

#### The Advantages of CLIL

 Develop multilingual interests and attitudes

Diversify methods & forms of classroom teaching and learning

Increase learner's motivation

Subject teachers are able to exploit opportunities for language learning :

- through reading texts
- encouraging learners to notice language while reading
- decoding charts, graphs, etc.

# **European Integration**

A peaceful Europe. The beginnings of cooperation, 1945-1959

The European Union is set up with the aim of ending the frequent and bloody wars between neighbours which culminated in the Second World War. As to 1950, the European Coal and Steel Community begins to unite European Countries economically and politically in order to secure lasting peace.......The 1950s are dominated by a cold war between est and west. Protests in Hungary against the Communist regime are put down by soviet tanks in 1956.....

The language to be looked at in a passage like this falls into three categories, sometimes with contaminations :

subject specific

academic

other lexis

Subject specific	Academic	Other language
Cooperation European Union Second World War European Coal and Steel Community "Secure lasting peace"	A peaceful Europe unite European Countries economically politically "Secure lasting peace" are dominated regime	Beginning set up with frequent bloody war lasting peace protests

# **Treatment of Lexis**

• Noticing of the language by the learners

• Focus on lexis rather than grammar

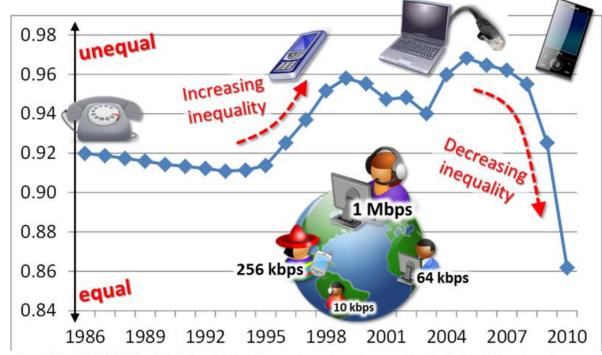
- Focus on language related to the subject.
   (Level and grading are unimportant)
- Pre-, while- and post-reading tasks are as appropriate in the subject context as in the language context

# Technological Information Inequality as incessantly moving target

# The distribution of information and communication capacities between 1986 and 2010

(Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology)

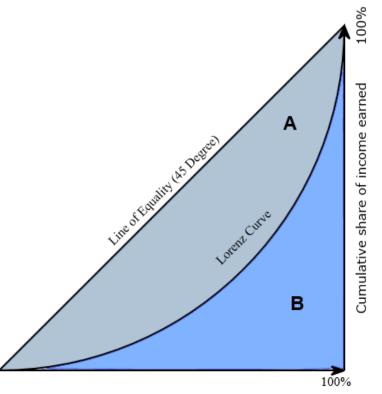
#### Gini coefficients for telecommunication capacity (in kbps) per individual worldwide (incl. inhabitants from 208 countries)



Source: Hilbert, M. (2013), Technological information inequality as an incessantly moving target: The redistribution of information and communication capacities between 1986 and 2010. Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology. doi: 10.1002/asi.23020

# **CLIL** – world map of Gini coeficient which measures inequality in the distribution of income





Cumulative share of people from lowest to highest incomes

#### Treatment of graphs

- Noticing symbols, pictures and words
- Mail Focus on non verbal language

#### Activities

- Look at the infographic about the redistribution of ICT
- Draw conclusions
- Present them.

# **The Future of CLIL**



# The Future of CLIL Immediate Obstacles

Opposition to language teaching by subject teachers may come from language teachers themselves.

Subject teachers may be unwilling to take on the responsibility.

The lack of CLIL teacher-training programmes suggests that the majority of teachers working on bilingual programmes may be ill-equipped to do the job adequately.

# The Future of CLIL Immediate Obstacles

Little evidence to suggest that **understanding of content** is not reduced by lack of language competence.

According to current opinion language ability can only be increased by content-based learning after a certain stage. The Future of CLIL Immediate Obstacles

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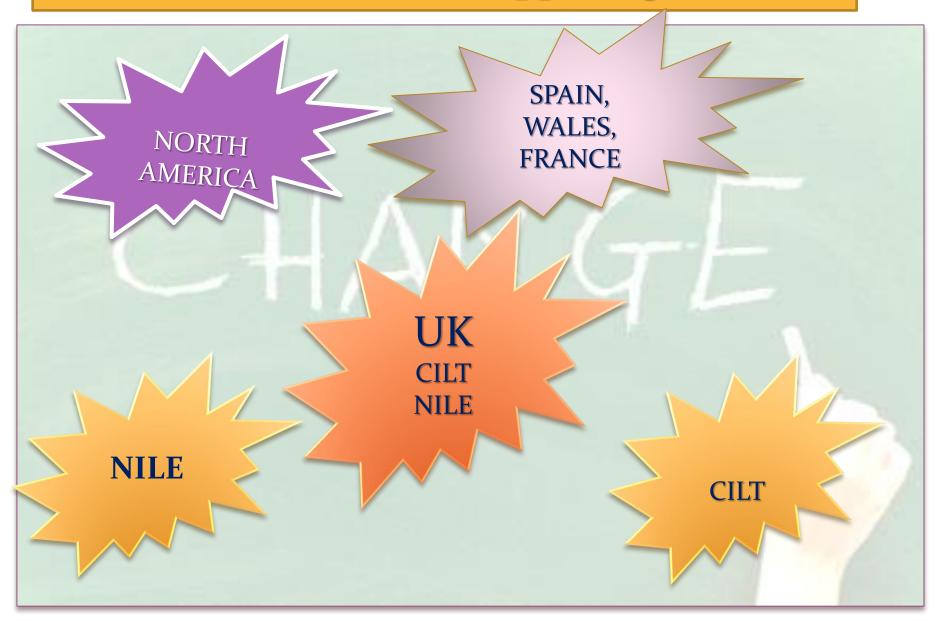
Until CLIL training for teachers and materials issues are resolved,

the immediate future remains with Parallel rather than Integrated Content and Language Learning.

### The future of CLIL

However, **the need for language teaching reform** in the face of Europeanisation may make **CLIL a common feature** of many European education systems in the future.

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