Results of a questionnaire survey

- December 2009 - January 2010
- 111 graduates of the DE from the years 2006 - 2009
- findings:
  - 84% work as teachers
  - 47% teach at primary and lower secondary schools
  - 28% teach at upper secondary schools
  - 31% teach at language schools
  - 51% teach only English
  - primary school teachers would like to get qualifications to teach English at lower or upper secondary schools
  - lower secondary school teachers would like to get qualifications to teach English at upper secondary schools
  - teachers would like the DE to offer seminars on current issues for teachers of English

Language teacher training in the Czech Republic

Qualified teachers receive qualifications for:
- primary school teaching (pupils aged 6-11)
- lower secondary school teaching (pupils aged 12-15)
- upper secondary school teaching (pupils aged 16-19)

A qualified language teacher has to obtain:
- a university degree in language teaching (Magister = Master’s degree)
- a university degree in teaching + a lifelong education certificate in language teaching

The Department of English (the DE)
- prepares future teachers of English for primary and lower secondary schools within the Magister study programme and lifelong education study programmes

Key activity 1
A course for mentors at primary and secondary schools
- a series of 5 seminars (two 90-minute lessons each)
  - CLIL
  - Drama activities
  - Culture and history
  - Language tests
  - IWB
  - for qualified teachers of English at primary or secondary schools
  - to give teachers the opportunity to practise English and to practise and enhance their teaching skills
  - to prepare teachers for the role of mentors in their schools
  - supervising teacher trainees on their teaching practice

Key activity 2
Preparation of e-learning materials and methodological materials for teachers of English
- e-learning materials for students on the 2.5 and one-year study programmes (available in LMS)
- supplementary materials for the course for mentors and seminars for teachers (downloadable from the project web page)

Key activity 3
Modernisation of the library and study room at the Department of English
- refurbishing the study room
- introducing an online loan system
- purchasing up-to-date books, study materials, CDs, DVDs, CD-ROMs

Key activity 4
Seminars for primary and lower secondary teachers developing their language proficiency and teaching skills
- “single-event” seminars (two 90-minute lessons each)
  - for both qualified and unqualified teachers of English at primary or secondary schools
  - to give teachers the opportunity to practise English and to practise and enhance their teaching skills
  - topics of the seminars:
    - Anglo-American holidays in ELT
    - Drama activities in ELT
    - Pupils with special needs in ELT
    - How people learn languages
    - IWB in ELT
    - Internet in ELT
    - Grammar for teachers of English
    - Communicative testing for teachers of English
    - Intercultural learning
    - Listening for teachers of English
    - Songs and music in ELT
    - CLIL for teachers of English

Key activity 5
“English language teaching at upper secondary schools” study programme
- creating and piloting a one-year in-service English language teaching study programme
- for qualified teachers of English at primary or lower secondary schools who also want to teach English at upper secondary schools
- graduates receive a qualification to teach English at upper secondary schools

Key activity 6
“English language teaching at primary and lower secondary schools” study programme
- modification of the existing 2.5-year in-service English language teaching study programme
- for qualified teachers at primary or lower secondary schools who also want to teach English
- graduates receive a qualification to teach English at primary and lower secondary schools

What has been achieved so far
- the project has answered the call for a new study programme and seminars for teachers of English
- 8 teachers attended the course for mentors at primary and secondary schools in 2010/2011
- over 150 teachers attended the 12 seminars in 2010/2011
- 24 students of the “English language teaching at upper secondary schools” study programme are getting ready for their final exams
- several sets of e-learning materials already available
- newly furnished library, new computers and an online loan system on the way
- classrooms equipped with new computers and an IWB