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Launch of the Language Buddy Project: Boosting Linguistic Integration for Young Migrants

Bilbao, February 1, 2025 – Aiming to promote the educational and social integration of migrant children and young adults through language learning, the Language Buddy project has been launched at the University of the Basque Country/Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea (UPV/EHU). This program, funded by the European Commission under the AMIF-2023-TF2-AG-CALL initiative, seeks to establish a linguistic support system in higher education institutions (HEIs) across various European countries.

The launch event consisted of three sessions: two in-person and one online. The first session, held on January 15 via Microsoft Teams, was attended by university professors from various faculties. The in-person sessions, conducted on January 29 and 31 at the Faculty of Education in Bilbao (UPV/EHU), gathered a total of 96 students from the Social Education degree program.

During the sessions, the Language Buddy model was presented, its benefits were explained, and attendees were invited to join the project. The agenda included an engaging introduction, a project overview, a Q&A session, and a final evaluation.

Attending professionals highlighted the positive impact of the initiative on the linguistic inclusion of young migrants and suggested expanding the target age range. Meanwhile, students expressed enthusiasm for the project and its application in social education, showing strong interest in future collaborations and mentorship opportunities.

With this successful launch, Language Buddy positions itself as a key initiative in linguistic support for the educational integration of young migrants. The program will continue its implementation across various European institutions, aiming to strengthen its impact and reach a broader audience.

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