

## 2. Partnership content

### 2.1. Please describe briefly the Partnership activities undertaken and the results achieved so far:

The first time was more used for finding good communication and collaboration than in carrying out all planned activities.

We had some skype meetings and meetings on beforehand to formulate the targets and the workingplan. After the first official meeting of all partners in France we tried to define our product we want to achieve and to divide the tasks and to find a good organisation of communication and coordination, which was not very easy. This process took some time and energy and we suggested to work with skype meetings which started to make communication and defining the rules for collaboration making decisions and carrying out the planned steps. All partners started with a survey in their country to bring in chart the way practitioners and organizations carrying out AMAT activities are working, which problems they meet and we (NL) defined a number of quality criteria to develop the network of activities and to later on can produce a book of good practice for the different defined forms of AMAT within European countries. At the second meeting we got in chart our further thematic groups working on different topics such as. The Netherlands will be responsible for the working group on recognition and certification standards for AMAT activities. Representatives of our organization are in each thematic working group and we are positive that in the second phase we can reach the goals faster than in the first phase where we had to do more on organization, communication and working together.

We in the Netherlands took the responsibility to develop and carry out a very complete survey (Questionnaire) of the actual state of the art and development in the Netherlands working together with another organisation of AMAT and the University. A student carried out the survey online and we could present our results at the second and third meeting and could offer our expertise to the other partners on this point.

We could offer some events on AMAT activities in the Netherlands where partners could and did participate (staff and students) : A workshop on Animal mediated Therapy and the education of therapists, the opportunity for students to take part in our training programme. Students of us take place in workshops of partner organizations.

### 2.2. What problems/obstacles, have you met in the implementation of the Partnership, if any? How have these problems been solved?

We had first big organisational problems with the coordinator (France). They asked us first to be coordinator, but afterwards did not rely on the appointments we made. The coordinator wants to use this project more in the direction of disseminating PR activities and using money for own computers and personal etc. which as to our opinion each partner has to offer for the project without getting payed directly for it. It was not easy to hold the project for what it is meant – namely coming together and working together in the first place. During discussions and by offering tools and communication lines we and the other partners succeeded to carry out the survey steps. A good moderator during the primary meetings helped to get on better terms. It is still not easy, but we can handle the problems with the coordinator better from meeting to meeting.