



The Multiplier Event of the Project Think4Jobs: the Lithuanian Day of Critical Thinking



Two institutional members of the **Language Teachers' Association of Lithuania (LKPA)** the **Institute of Foreign Languages of the Faculty of Philology of Vilnius University** and the **Public Service Language Center** together with the coordinators of the project – **University of Western Macedonia (Greece)** and project partners: the University of Applied Sciences Emden/Leer (Germany), the University of Évora (Portugal), the Bucharest University of Economic Studies (ASE) (Romania), the Ex-

perimental Primary School of Florina (Greece), the Orgadata AG (Germany), and the Atlantic Veterinary Hospital (Portugal) have been implementing the Erasmus Strategic Partnership Project *Thinking for Successful Jobs - Think4Jobs* (2020-1-EL01-KA203-078797).

The duration of the project is 2020-2023. The project is approaching the finishing line and much has been achieved over this period. Here we share the



news from one of the celebratory events of the project **Think4Jobs** the *Lithuanian Day of Critical Thinking* where the results of the project were presented to a wide audience of local and international higher education instructors, policymakers, labour market representatives, and students.



The *Lithuanian Day of Critical Thinking*, the Multiplier Event of the project **Think4Jobs_EU**, which took place on 28 April 2023, was organized by the Institute of Foreign Languages of the Faculty of Philology of **Vilnius University** and **Public Service Language**

Centre. The opening speeches of the *Lithuanian Day of Critical Thinking* were delivered by Pro-Rector for Partnerships Dr. Artūras Vasiliauskas (Vilnius University), Dean of the Faculty of Philology Prof. Dr. Inesa Šeškauskienė (Vilnius University), Chief of Political–Economic Affairs Emily J. Hicks (Section of the Embassy of the United States of America in Lithuania, Vilnius) and the coordinator of the project Think4Jobs Prof. Dr. Dimitris Pnevmatikos (University of Western Macedonia, Greece) who welcomed the audience in an online mode.





The *Lithuanian Day of Critical Thinking* consisted of three parts. The first part was focused on the theory of Critical Thinking and an overview of the project’s intellectual outputs. The keynote speaker of the event Assoc. Prof. Dr. Daiva Penkauskienė shared her research findings on critical thinking in Lithuania; the coordinator of the VU researchers’ team of the Think4Jobs project Prof.

Dr. Roma Kriauciūnienė presented the Thin4Jobs achievements and together with the other research team members: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Svetozar Poštić and Assist. Prof. Dr. Ovidiu Ivancu presented the research results in the area of the foreign language teaching process, and deputy director of the Public Service Language Center Asterija Rudienė highlighted the contribution of the Public Service Language Center to the project Think4Jobs intellectual outputs.



The second part of the *Lithuanian Day of Critical Thinking* was dedicated to the demonstration of practical tasks for developing critical thinking skills in the foreign language teaching and learning process. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Liudmila Arcimavičienė together with the students of the study programme *Political Sciences* (the Institute of International Relations and Political Sciences) and the study programme *English and another Foreign Language* (the Faculty of Philology) shared their experience of the implementation of different tasks for the development of critical thinking in the foreign language classroom:

individual argument presentation, research proposal writing, and debates. Colleagues from the Public Service Language Centre Asterija Rudienė and Rita Samukienė presented different IT tools for foreign





language teaching targeted at the development of Critical Thinking skills.



The third part was a Panel discussion moderated by Assist. Prof. Dr. Ovidiu Ivancu. The panelist



Assist. Prof. Dr. Adam Mastandrea (Vilnius University), Dr. Michael Pace-Sigge (University of Eastern Finland), Nicholas Edward Rickard (Vilnius Gediminas Technical University), Assoc.Prof. Dr. Svetozar Poštič (Vilnius University) provided deep insights into the impact of critical thinking skills on the professional careers of university graduates.



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