

Dear Partners, Associates and Contributors,

We are sending this short newsletter in order to present you our project called FOTEL - Forum Theatre against Early School Leaving. For further information please visit our website: [fotel-project.eu](http://fotel-project.eu).

*The objective of the project is to examine to what extent the application of Forum Theatre methodology by teachers, combined with practical knowledge about intercultural relations, may reduce the risk of early school leaving by youth aged 13 to 16.*

## What is new in our Project?

### [Pilots in the schools](#)

We have finished second phase of the project. After publishing the research report called Examining Early School Leaving Factors in Five European Contexts we conducted pilot workshops in local schools and their final effect was the Forum Theatre play of course. You can find videos recorded in five countries during the workshops, rehearsals and final performances on our [FOTEL Project youtube channel](#).

### [Handbook for teachers and educators](#)

After experiencing Forum Theatre play preparation and performance in local schools we are planning to publish Handbook for those teachers and educators who look for efficient method in work with students at risk of early school leaving. Main goal for the Handbook is to be a guide for a teacher who wants to replicate the pilot project in his/her school.

Every partner organization contributed to this work. You can find the first teaser of the Handbook on our website.

### [International Conference](#) and [Teachers Training](#)

Our aim is to spread widely usage of the Forum Theatre as a tool in reducing early school leaving within teenagers. To popularize this idea we organize the teachers training called **Critical incidents and Forum Theatre to reduce early school leaving training for school educational staff** and **The International Conference of FOTEL Project** in Budapest, Hungary, 27th October to 1st November 2014. Remember about the date and come to the conference! You can read the draft programme below.

For more information visit our website where you can find

- Texts about [Forum Theatre Methodology](#),
- [Gallery](#),
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**Critical incidents and Forum Theatre to reduce early school leaving training for school educational staff in Budapest, Hungary 27th October to 1st November 2014**

Goals:

- Teachers will strength their professional profile to conduct activities in their own school environment combining :
  - Factors of ESL,
  - Critical Incident methodology,
  - Collected cases transformed to real life ESL situations in 5 different schools among the UE.
- Addressing the characteristics and regularities of intercultural situations; with methodological support to teachers as an improved way to operate toward their target group with more attractive programmes for students in line with their need and expectations.
- Forum Theatre methodology in schools to prevent and to reduce ESL among pupils, particularly those at risk of early school leaving with low basic skills; therefore they will have a tool they can use in conflict situations in the school.

**International Conference of FOTEL Project**

Goals:

- Evaluation of the Project process and outputs.
- Sharing future perspectives in the educational field in Europe.

Methods:

- Plenary sessions, round table discussions, and interactive workshop sessions.
- Networking lounge to share practices and open space for further exchanges in internet.

Contents:

- Presentation of FOTEL Project.
- Keynote lecture about ESL and about Forum theatre (in education).
- Round-table discussions about Roma and migrant issues, the phenomena of early school leasing.
- Workshops: critical incident; good practices of the FOTEL partners (eg. (democratic discussion, discussion about Roma-phobia), Forum Theatre.
- Presentation of Forum Theatre play.

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