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Effective data presentation during ESP courses

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Language for Specific Purposes (LSP) defined as various linguistic variants used in professional settings and coexisting within the general language system has given the favorable response to specific professional needs. The presentation will focus on the course sample entitled effective data presentation which was designed within BADGE Erasmus+ project (Intellectual Output 1).

Although the teaching of technical or specialized vocabulary is sometimes thought to be outside the purview of language teachers and/or best left to subject teachers (Airey, 2016), language teachers can and even should encourage purposeful and incidental learning of specific vocabulary that makes a significant contribution to the comprehension of subject texts as well as to learners' participation in discourse communities (Coxhead & Nation, 2001).

The presentation is divided into three parts. The first part touches on the results of the survey which show that the language and communication classes need to integrate more LSP competences to get the students acquainted with tools of both general and specific language. The introduction will also analyze and explain the existing practical difficulties and try to answer why language and subject teachers alike often seem to maintain a distinction between "knowledge of a subject" and "knowledge of language for a subject." The second part presents a sample of communication course prepared for engineers encompassing effective data presentation. Finally, the presentation reflects on future challenges of LSP teachers and reasons why academics should integrate professional knowledge and specialistic language within the same course.

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