



First Multiplier Event (22 February, 2020, Zagreb, Croatia)

The first TRAILS multiplier event was held on 22 February, 2020, at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, University of Zagreb, Croatia. The objectives of the project, its intellectual outputs and the results of the research carried out so far were presented. More than 60 national stakeholders participated in the event, including the State Secretary, who attended the event on behalf of the Ministry of Science and Education, university professors teaching methodology of foreign languages and LSP teachers teaching at higher education institutions across Croatia, representatives of the Croatian Association of LSP Teachers at Higher Education Institutions, the Diplomatic Academy, an office within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Knowledge Work Foundation etc. An interactive and engaging presentation, given by the researchers, the members of the Croatian TRAILS team, sparked great interest among the audience and stimulated a lively discussion during the presentation and afterwards. Exceptionally positive feedback confirmed the immediate relevance of the topics the project is concerned with. 'Finally an opportunity to discuss the problems LSP teacher experience in a productive way,' was one of the comments resounding throughout the day. The greatest interest was caught by the upcoming Summer School to be held in mid-September 2020. The participants loved the idea of taking part in an innovative, research-based LSP teacher training programme. They strongly believe that it would be a great opportunity for them to broaden their specific knowledge and upskill. This, they say, would enable them to respond effectively to the challenges higher education institutions are facing in the globalised world. The event attracted the interest of media, too. HRT, a major Croatian public broadcasting company filmed a report on the event along with the interviews made with the Croatian researchers, that will certainly contribute to the dissemination of the ideas and vision behind the TRAILS project.