



Heuropa! Polish, Czech and Lithuanian language for children from bilingual families.

European team of experts is developing a free internet platform for children from bilingual families. Heuropa! creates an enjoyable learning experience for everyone.

With Heuropa! children from bilingual families can learn through play and improve their “second” mother tongue. At the beginning of 2014 you can find free courses for learning Polish, Czech and Lithuanian language on www.heuropa.eu. The online platform offers 65 animated language games for 3 age groups from preschool children to teenagers. Games are full of fantasy with funny superheroes and characters and make it appealing and amusing for everyone. Teachers and parents can find tips, advice and practice sheets which can be printed. With a special course planner all games could be individually customised depending on topics and age.



Being bilingual in an early age has been linked to a number of cognitive benefits.

Antje Neuhoff, project coordinator from *Multimedia Language centre of University of Technology in Dresden* finds bilingualism a big chance all “affected” families should take. “Researchers have shown that a bilingual brain can have better attention and task-switching capacities. Children have also better ability to learn another language.”

As projects focused on bilingual children and bilingual families are not very easily found it was a great opportunity for the international team behind Heuropa! to concentrate on this topic. This project was funded by the European Union within the Lifelong Learning Programme. The team was formed by universities, language schools and associations for bilingual education from Germany, Poland, Czech republic, Lithuania, France and Great Britain along with the expert for bilingual education in Polish Saturday schools Beata Howe, the Dresden atelier *Schönfeld & Kircheis* and the Berliner game developers *fictionfarmer*. The project manager Karin Schöne found this international cooperation very successful and believes that the goal of developing a program which would make an early learning of Czech, Polish and Lithuanian language a pleasant experience for everyone has been reached.



With Heuropa! you can have fun and learn! Free on www.heuropa.eu.

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