

DICOMP-S.net Newsletter

The e-Learning project DICOMP-S.net (Digital Competence Screenreader network) started in January 2007 and will be finished in June 2008. The project is dealing with the screenreader called THUNDER and will, for the first time, make available a FREE screenreader for blind and visually impaired people in Europe and, in an extensive dissemination campaign, distribute it directly to the target group.

Basically the expected results of the project are:

- Free screenreader in all partner languages, including all accompanying documents (menu navigation, help texts, manuals)
- Tutor training for blind and visually impaired people for the screenreader, partially via an e-learning application – the platform was set up and will be fully tested in the next couple of months
- Information campaigns national and Roadshows

The prerequisites of a successful project partnership are **mutual trust and intercultural understanding**, which both form the basis of communication and cooperation. We have achieved an excellent climate from the beginning of the project as all partner organisations agreed on that, all in all the project is a milestone in the development of digital competence of blind and visually impaired people. Partners from Austria, Germany, Estonia, France, Ireland, Slovakia, Italy and Great Britain are working in the project team.

The third transnational meeting took place in London from the 10th to the 11th of January 08. Main focus was put on the tutor part as well as on the dissemination activities for the rest of the project.

Please find detailed information about the project itself on the project website www.screenreader4free.eu. You will find all the language versions of Thunder on this site in the next couple of months. The English version can be downloaded on www.screenreader.net.

