

Abstract/Proposal Title:

E Like Estonian

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My presentation will introduce e-learning in the Estonian National Defence College and I will share my experience of e-learning.

E-learning initiative in the Estonian Defence Forces started in 2000. The Estonian Defence Forces have had their own e-learning environment ILIAS since 2006. In the Estonian National Defence College we have now 8 subjects with blended learning: both civil and military (for example infantry platoon patrol course, engineering studies, medical studies, intercultural communication, upper-intermediate writing in English).

I have used e-learning in teaching "Oral and written self-expression in the Estonian language" (3 European credits) since autumn 2006. 50% of studies are web-based and 50% contact hours. The following issues are discussed during the course: Estonian orthography, morphology, syntax, stylistics, different types of text (correspondence and other routine texts, media text, scientific text) and public presentations. The students study the topics before classes in the e-learning environment; during lessons they reinforce the new knowledge through practical exercises and discuss any questions they might have. They are assessed in the e-learning environment through tests, exercises and writing tasks.

Implications for Practice:

My presentation provides the listeners an overview of how the e-learning environment ILIAS is used for teaching a civil subject and they can compare my experience with their own to get ideas for developing e-learning courses.

Significant Outcomes/Insights:

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