Blended Learning in [Training of Trainers]

The Training of Trainers runs from September till June: 9 months. For understandable reasons it is often seen as 3 seminars and a practice project. That's the periods you are really there, with the group, away from home, totally blocked in your agenda. But ToT is more. ToT is a 10-month learning process in which the seminars and the practice project play, of course, an important role. The ToT course, however, carries on even when we are not meeting physically.

'Blended Learning refers to a mixing of different learning environments', says Wikipedia. And that's exactly what we offer in ToT; different learning environments. Next to the seminars there are other places online where you can meet, exchange, discuss, explore....learn. These places are all on the web:

The ToT Platform

The platform is our main instrument for communication within the group in between seminars. It offers the possibility for group discussions, exchange, common study groups, sharing pictures and video's, making your own profile, writing blogs and social interaction. In the forum different discussions can be started by anyone who wants to do so. The team will use the platform to introduce, discuss and work on certain issues.
Everyone can start his/her own blog.
The ToT platform is a closed platform. Only people who are invited and sign up can view and contribute. In practice this means all the participants, the team and Udo Teichmann from SALTO training and cooperation.
On the platform you will find the direct link to The ToT Library and ToT wiki

The ToT Library

In the ToT Library you will find many publications related to Training, the Youth in Action programme, European Education policy etc. The main aim of the Library is to provide background material. The Library will be regularly updated by the team. When you have ideas and wishes to put in the Library send the file to Paul and he will take care of placing it there.
Also the Library is open for the public.

ToT wiki

The idea behind the ToT wiki is to build our own ongoing ToT resource centre. The ToT wiki functions like Wikipedia but is restricted to the participants and trainers of ToT. It contains documents that are produced by the course, by participants and trainers. The topics are all related to the course - objectives. The wiki was started in January 2010 and the group of edition 9 and 10 already contributed. They have still the possibility to enter and read the documents produced but can not write. That will be only possible for those ones who are actually on the course. So also next year your 'rights' will change and you can only follow.
Others cannot enter the ToT wiki. You have to be invited and to sign in.

ToT Online weeks
During the course there will be two so called ToT Online weeks. In these weeks many activities will be organised on the ToT platform around one topic. There will be discussions, creative work, guest speakers and so on.

ToT aperitif
Regularly a 'ToT aperitif' will be organised where all participants and trainers are invited for a common chat. These chats will always have a 'topic'. The aperitif will be held on Skype.

These are the different places on the web to continue the common learning during the whole course. Some elements of the course will start in a seminar and continue virtually, some topics will be prepared virtually to be taken up on a seminar. The aim is to offer different environments that suit different ways of learning.