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## „Chinese is Easy” – free on-line resources for Chinese language teachers

### Introduction

Latest ICT achievements, together with its continuous development give a great opportunity for teachers to make their classes more interesting and motivating for their students. Unfortunately lots of teachers are afraid or just don't want to change their working habits and keep practicing old methods.

To change this situation the Chinese for Europeans (C4EU) team has created and published “Chinese is Easy – a manual for teachers”. The manual shows that

using ICT (especially [www.chinese4.eu](http://www.chinese4.eu) project and its products) in classroom is easy and can help the teacher, almost without any effort from teacher's side.

Many teachers perceived ICT and technology in general as a threat. Our manual will help you understand that this kind of thinking is wrong – ICT at school gives the new opportunities and challenges. It will also make your students more interested and motivated for your classes.

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## Why to choose "Chinese4eu"?

By visiting [www.Chinese4.eu](http://www.Chinese4.eu) project website teachers can find 4 different thematic Chinese language courses. Each one designed for a different target group. There is a course for children, students, businessmen and for a wide group of tourists visiting China. Each course contains different educational resources ready for use in the classroom.

It's worth adding that all courses are full of different multimedia material such as audio, interactive exercises, tests, animations or educational games, which make process of teaching and learning more attractive and motivating.

Furthermore the educational activities are focused on learning and teaching methods. They are tailored to the needs of the target groups not only by the thematic content but also by the methodology and form of the content presentation. Classical e-learning is used for students. Micro learning with content delivered on user's e-mail is used for businessmen. For tourist we have prepared mobile phone application in mobile learning (m-learning) methodology. Last but not least are children for whom game-based learning methodology was used to make the process of language acquisition attractive and full of fun.



## How Chinese4eu project can be effectively used during Chinese language classes?

“Chinese is Easy – a manual for teachers” has two main aims. The first, it is a guide to our educational platform “Chinese4eu” showing products of the C4EU project with information on how to use them. The second, it plays role of a compendium with examples of lesson’s plans and scenarios ready to use during language classes.

The main purpose of “Chinese is Easy” is to encourage Chinese language teachers to use our ICT based resources in their everyday working practice. Why? There are many reasons: usage of students’ ICT skills, encourage to self-learning and critical thinking, making classes more attractive , breaking “old-fashioned” patterns of teaching – those are just a few of them.

The structure of the “Chinese is easy – a manual for teachers” is based on logical scheme:

- I Description of the methodology used in the module.
- II Presentation of the module functionality within project website.
- III Teaching scenarios based on module content – can be used within the classes.

The **modern teacher** is no longer a source of knowledge – **is a guide** to the virtual world of knowledge.

Nowadays in the era of Google and Wikipedia – the model of the teacher as infallible and omniscient person is becoming anachronistic. The modern teacher should assume the role of a guide, who supervises the process of education, helps students in searching of knowledge, identifies and presents good sources for self-education plus shows advantages and disadvantages of each method (source). This approach helps students to find their own, best way for learning, which is helpful not only with language learning but whole Lifelong Learning Process. Unfortunately this cannot be achieved without the use of ICT in teaching. Modern technology has not only started to affect our everyday life but also teaching and learning process. People expect to be able to work and learn in every place whenever they have “free time”. The traditional school where the teacher stands in front of the blackboard, students make notes, read books, then write test – slowly goes to the past.

**“Chinese is Easy – a manual for teachers”** together with C4EU platform gives you a new teaching ideas accompanied by innovative technologies which you can use in classroom totally for free. It contains a complete set of multimedia and free Chinese language teaching resources. It is also one of the few educational platform for learning the Chinese language, available in all, 23 European Union official languages. Don't miss your time and let your students use materials online for free with [www.Chinese4.eu](http://www.Chinese4.eu).

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