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Dear Sir or Madam!

Grenzenlos - intercultural exchange is pleased to inform you about our EU-funded **virtual language education programme AVALON**, which is free for your clients for their further education. It addresses specially (but not exclusively) at:

- Work returners
- Unemployed persons
- Seniors
- Single Parents

AVALON is an international research project to advocate virtual language learning. 26 Partners from 10 countries take part in the project. During the project virtual language tuition techniques are tested and adapted to the needs of the participants.

We offer a virtual AVALON **Italian for Beginners Course** with 10 classes à 90 minutes. The course will start on July 12<sup>th</sup> 2010 and it will be held two times a week, on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 10:30pm. As medium the virtual world „Second Life“ is used. In this virtual reality the participants can meet as virtual persons; therefore group tuition is possible.

In order to participate the participants need:

- a computer with internet-access and a headset. (Broadband Internet is recommended. For specific system requirements see <http://secondlife.com/support/sysreqs.php>)
- General knowledge of the English language

Course organisation:

- Virtual courses in small groups, instructed by a trainer.
- Additional virtual meetings or communication by e-mail within the groups.
- At the end of the course there will be the opportunity to obtain a certificate.
- During the course role-play is used to impart knowledge.
- The themes of the course are adapted to the needs of the small groups.
- Languages of communication during the course will be English and Italian.

What`s new with this language course?

- Virtual 3D trainings
- Easy accessibility of the language course – participation is possible from home.
- Free (The costs of the AVALON Project are funded by the EU.)
- No geographic participation barriers.
- No psychological participation barriers.

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Warm regards

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