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- **Name of the project**: Stay Informed
- **Members of the project team**: Aleksandra, Antonella, Salvador
- **Background of the project**: Counseling support system at Oulun Lyseo IB School
- **Importance of the project**: There are no guidance counseling course in the IB program like there is for national program students. It is crucial to give the IB program students orientation in the new environment, and provide them with information before, during, and after their studies.
- **Goals**: To improve guidance for the IB students at Oulun Lyseo IB school
- **Ideas for implementation**:
  - Improve the present website (more detailed information, links to external sources as, stories and experiences from former students);
  - Forum or Facebook page for sharing and discussions;
  - Blog for announcements (widgets make design easy and efficient; students can subscribe for RSS feeds);
  - Doodle polls for making appointments;
  - Smartphone application (if we find anything relevant, e.g. Doodle-like application);
  - PDF or other-format-files with information, downloadable from the site;
  - Use of present learning management system (like Wilma);
  - Frequently Asked Questions page;
  - Mailing lists (e.g. for announcing application deadlines);
  - Use of alternative learning environment (e.g., Wikispaces.com)
- **Learning theories and concepts related to the project**: Self-Regulation (goal setting and motivational goals, e.g., social and academic goals; planning phase; help-seeking; motives, motivation to persist on studies; standards from the COPES model, student engagement); collaboration with peers and the counsellor, CSCL; scaffolding provided by the counsellor
- **Our first questions to the client**:
  - What kind of expectations do you have from our team?
  - What kind of counseling system is used at the moment (for the national program students)?
  - In which way usually counseling is given to the IB program students?
  - Do you have any materials you would like us to integrate in the project?
  - Is the learning management system (e.g. Wilma) used for counseling?
- **Information that needs to be sought for**: Current state of counseling offered, already available guidance materials, more details from the client, educational theories to support the project
- **Distribution of roles in the team**: Aleksandra - manager; Antonella - contact person, notes; Salvador - expert in technologies