What is CLIL?

There are lots of ways of defining CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning). Which of the following quotes describing CLIL do you like best?

"CLIL is about using languages to learn...It is about installing a 'hunger to learn' in the student. It gives opportunity for him/her to think about and develop how she/he communicates in general, even in the first language".

(Marsh, Marsland & Stenberg, 2001)

"an approach to bilingual education in which both curriculum content (such as science and geography) and English are taught together. It differs from simple English-medium education in that the learner is not necessarily expected to have the English proficiency to cope with the subject before beginning study".

(Graddol D. English Next, British Council Publications, 2006)

CLIL classes work to create life experiences and at the same time to tap into the innate language learning ability we all had as young children...In CLIL classes, communication and learning take place in a student's second language. When a student wants to say something that is important to him or her...it is given to him or her right away.

(Mehisto, March & Frigols, 2012)

Do you have any ideas yourself of what is involved in CLIL?

