



Programme overview

Inspiring innovation in language education: changing contexts, evolving competences

By offering creative and innovative responses to increasingly complex learner needs, language education can make a key contribution to a peaceful, democratic and socially just Europe. This is reflected in the title of the new ECML programme:

“Inspiring innovation in language education: changing contexts, evolving competences”.



Programme overview

This programme consists of two strands: development and mediation. The development strand focuses on innovation projects, on creating new solutions to the challenges identified in member states; through the mediation strand, member states can adapt and implement existing ECML resources as well as access ECML expertise through training and consultancy and national support events. Through conferences, webinars and by celebrating the European Day of Languages, the ECML opens up its activities to a wider public.

Priorities in member states

“Inspiring innovation in language education: changing contexts, evolving competences” responds directly to the priorities in ECML member states. As this diagram shows, these priorities range from early years to the workplace; they cover a wide range of themes, resulting in the need for constant upskilling of professionals in the field.



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Plurilingual and intercultural education



Training and consultancy

- Plurilingual and intercultural approaches
- Supporting multilingual classrooms
- Quality education in Romani

New media



Project

- Digital citizenship through language education

Training and consultancy

- ICT in language teaching and learning

Early language learning



Project

- Young children's language learning pathways

Modern languages CLIL



Projects

- CLIL in languages other than English
- Enhancing language education in cross-border vocational education
- Developing transversal competences in language education

Training and consultancy

- CLIL and beyond (pluriliteracies)
- Learning environments where modern languages flourish

Migrant education and employment



Project

- Resources for assessing the home language competences of migrant pupils

Training and consultancy

- Language for work

Language(s) of schooling



Training and consultancy

- Supporting the language(s) of schooling (Roadmap)
- Language of schooling in subject learning

Activities for a wider public

- Professional Network Forum
- Webinars and conferences
- European Day of Languages



Curricula and evaluation



Projects

- CEFR Companion Volume implementation toolbox
- Mediation in teaching, learning and assessment

Training and consultancy

- Relating language curricula, tests and examinations to the CEFR

Teacher and learner competences



Project

- Developing teacher competences for pluralistic approaches
- Planning language-sensitive teacher education

Training and consultancy

- Action research communities

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