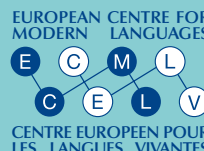




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Action research communities for language teachers



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Action research facilitates the development of reflective classroom practice by linking professional networks, academic expertise and good practice in the language classroom. It supports teachers in enhancing the quality of their teaching and in strengthening their confidence.

The *Action research communities* (ARC) website offers activities which put teachers at the heart of the quality process in the language learning classroom. These aim to support teachers in European classrooms to use action research as an essential tool for the development of reflective classroom practice and highlight ways to promote professionalism within language teaching.

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Resources



A step-by-step guide for action research



A workshop template promoting action research to teachers



A dialogue sheet for initiating action research activities



Success stories illustrating how teachers can work on research questions in their specific contexts

The resources are for

teachers and teacher educators



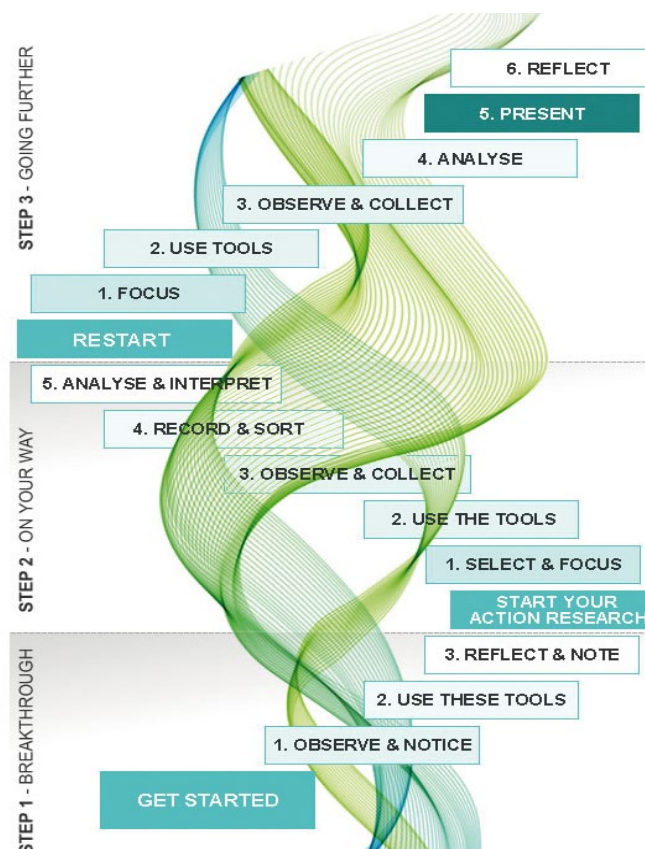
Take a closer look

A step-by-step guide for action research

The ARC-Spiral seeks to help you initiate action research:

- to provide encouragement for newcomers to action research;
- to provide an overview of the steps to be taken;
- to show that it is important to take small steps;
- to show that the sky is the limit - there are always ways to continue and advance further;
- to be used as a reference tool, especially for teachers not supported through an action research programme or established group.

*The ARC-Spiral is a cyclical presentation about **Getting into action research**. Action research is a bottom-up process.*



Dialogue sheet

The dialogue sheet helps set out on the action research journey and can be used at training workshops in a flexible way. Working with images is also a good way to generate ideas and to start up discussions.

Success stories

A central objective of ARC is to provide impulses for teachers to engage in action research and to be confident in sharing their achievements.

Workshop template

This is an **open educational resource** developed through widescale piloting that provides a suggested time plan for a two to three-day workshop for teacher trainers in initial teacher education introducing action research as an inspiring way for teachers for their work in the classroom. The template includes links to both action research and content-based activities.