
Language for Work –
A European learning network for professionals supporting work-related second language development¹

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What is it?

The publication fosters professional development in the field of work-related majority language learning for adult migrants and ethnic minorities. It creates tools and resources to support the professional development of teachers, teacher educators and other practitioners in this field.

The Language for Work resource bank contains practical tools, research, policy material and links to other relevant sites.

Who is it for?

- Teachers
- Teacher trainers

Keys for EOL

- Communication is central to modern work practices – workers need to understand work, safety and quality issues, understand workplace rights and responsibilities, participate in relevant social networks, access training, to cope with change and progress, etc. The ability to communicate effectively at work is crucial for migrants, employers and the wider society.
- Work-related L2 learning is complex and crosses boundaries. This field encompasses work, migration, intercultural communication, social policy, learning, literacy, the functions of language, the labour market, human resource management, etc. Work-related language learning is multi-dimensional, many faceted – its various strands are strongly connected.
- A European learning network aims to support researchers, educational services, employers, trade unions and policy-makers in an emerging field: learning (including formal, non-formal and informal learning) of the majority language by migrants and ethnic minorities for work.

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