

Learning environments where modern languages flourish

12 starter ideas and easy to implement examples

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1	Help learners to design their own learning environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the European language portfolio (ELP), the autobiography for intercultural encounters (ARI/ARIMV), the EOL matrix, etc. to become aware of all language learning opportunities • Value mobility experience through credit points, offer work placement opportunities abroad. 	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
2	Develop a digital working environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give students the chance to get in touch with peers abroad, for example through digital based tandem project • Set up real life communication tasks on the internet 	X	X	X					X	
3	Develop a multilingual learning environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a multilingual film, music and book library managed by students and accessible to everyone within the school community • Support multilingual and intercultural pathways through various mobility experience (study visit, school exchange programmes, individual mobility projects, etc. 	X	X		X			X	X	

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4	Set up a language integrated learning environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrich language learning pathways through multilingual cross-subject (horizontal approach) and cross-language (translanguaging, intercomprehension, etc.) continuity • Support all teachers to develop language-sensitive approaches and develop CLIL lessons for all students in various languages 	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
5	Set up a pluriliteracy learning environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link everyday language(s) of schooling with classic and modern language education • Combine science, art, sports and language education for example through international mobility, slam, charity projects etc. 		X	X	X				X	
6	Develop an intercultural learning environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up an intercultural and cross-subject event to help all stakeholders converge towards common values. • Develop flexible subject curricula which gives teachers the opportunity to adopt an intercultural approach to content • Develop certificates in all languages 	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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7 Develop an inclusive learning environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a multilingual school display and website • Implement an adapted school communication plan which includes parents and partners 		X	x	X	X			x	X
8 Develop a whole-school learning environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster professional development: support the language proficiency of the staff and fund international mobility programmes for all teachers and recruit head teachers based on their international profile and their capacity to develop international partnerships and networks • Develop multilingual classrooms and link monolingual practice with plurilingual projects where students get the opportunity to value their intercultural repertoire 	X	X	X	X	x				X
9 Upgrade schools into learning structures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give parents the chance to learn or share languages at school. • Implement a research location at school which gives language teachers the opportunity to work on action research projects with researchers and PhD students 		X		X	x	X	X		

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10	<p>Widen the learning environment: extend the mediation function of schools through languages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Value the school's role in the development of outgoing and incoming mobility. Link school and non-school partners in order to give students the opportunity to become real social actors in international contexts. Create opportunities for encounters of practitioners, researchers and decision makers in order to share core values of language education 		X		X	X			X	X
11	<p>Instill a positive school climate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage all initiatives which can help to value the language profiles and repertoires of the students. Promote learner's autonomy, self-esteem, feelings of language safety and empathy through language education 	X	X	X	X	X				
12	<p>Think outside the box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use all learning fields inside and outside the school and link formal and non-formal language education: (linguistic landscape, walk & talk projects, etc.) Encourage schools to host international fab labs, start-ups etc. in the field of intercultural & multilingual education. Move language classes into museums, libraries, etc. Make schools essential contributors to international programmes (sports, arts, politics, economy, etc.) 	X	X	X	X	x		X	X	X