## Basics for a language-friendly learning environment

Which basic conditions should be fulfilled

in order to start developing a learning environment where modern languages flourish?

	Learners	Class	School	System
Material	- MP4 players	- Computer with Internet access	- implement communication	- choose material and equipment which is adapted to individual needs
Equipment	- ensure appropriate acoustics	- set up an adequate classroom design	tools for international projects	
Time	- learning rhythm : 3 times a week should be the minimum of frequency when learning a language	- schedule : the different courses should be offered at different hours of the day	- support the stability of teaching staff	- combine formal and non- formal learning of languages
Space	- mobile tools	- flexible classrooms	- open school spaces	
Pathways	- continuity : take into account what the learner already knows	<ul> <li>consistent progression : take into account what the learner already knows</li> </ul>	- develop team work	
Expertise	- extend the learning capacity	- provide training on language acquisition	- value all languages	- value the place of language learning in curricula
Curricula	<ul> <li>stimulate curiosity or readiness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ensure coherent linguistic progression</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>highlight common goals</li> <li>between subjects</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>check the consistency of language curricula</li> </ul>
Approach	- written and oral training	- start with cultural input and generate linguistic and communicative needs	- promote language inclusion	- bring language teaching and use of languages closer
Assessment	<ul> <li>monitor progression</li> <li>record the learning experience</li> </ul>	- value intermediate success	<ul> <li>develop acceptance of school (parents' role)</li> </ul>	- develop transparency
Language vulnerability	- develop self -esteem and value language biographies	<ul> <li>guaranty language safety</li> <li>use errors as learning</li> <li>opportunities</li> </ul>	- reject language hierarchies	- value linguistic and cultural diversity
Intercultural education	- develop empathy	<ul> <li>develop intercultural mediation projects</li> </ul>	- support cross curricular education	- offer CLIL training sessions
Plurilingualism	<ul> <li>learn to use the full linguistic repertoire (translanguaging)</li> </ul>	- set up plurilingual team teaching	- foster bilingual teaching	- explore language landscapes
Partners	- communicate with a partner	- organise an exchange project	<ul> <li>implement programmes on international networks</li> </ul>	- invest in international exchange programmes
Mobility	- offer work placements abroad	- organise a school trip abroad	- develop the international influence of the school	- foster international cooperation



