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## Participant's report to the National Nominating Authority and the National Contact Point

### Meeting report

In the three weeks after the event, please complete this report. It contains two sections:

1. **Reporting:** this is intended as a feedback on the event, on what was learnt, on how the event will affect your work and on how it will be disseminated. In addition to the ECML National Nominating Authority and the National Contact Point in your country the ECML will use the report<sup>1</sup> in the "Experts involved in ECML activities" section of each ECML member state website (please see <http://contactpoints.ecml.at>).

This section should be written in one of the project's working languages.

2. **Public information:** this is intended as an information on the ECML project and its expected value for your country. The content should be of interest for a larger audience. Thus it should link up to interesting publications, websites, events etc. which were discussed on the occasion of the workshop or which are relevant in your country. The public information should be a short, promotional text of about 200 words.

This section should be written in (one of) your national language(s).

### The completed file should be sent to

- the ECML National Nominating Authority and the National Contact Point in your country (contact details can be found at <http://www.ecml.at/aboutus/members.asp>)
- and in copy to ECML Secretariat ([Erika.komon@ecml.at](mailto:Erika.komon@ecml.at))

within the given deadline.

<sup>1</sup> Only if you authorised the ECML to publish your contact details.

## 1. Reporting

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ECML project website	<a href="http://languageforwork.ecml.at/">http://languageforwork.ecml.at/</a>
Date of the event	1-2 June 2017
Brief summary of the content of the workshop	Language for work promotes learning the national language by immigrants 'on the job': make the work environment contribute to relevant language learning. As a follow-up of the previous work special attention was given to the further development of a quick guide, immediately applicable in daily practice.
What did you find particularly useful?	The quick guide looks promising: focus on practical use.
How will you use what you learnt / developed in the event in your professional context?	The cultural aspect of language learning fits my own work as I teach (intercultural) communication, in which any language skill plays a part. I am at present not professionally involved in L2 teaching.
How will you further contribute to the project?	My research field develops itself from language learning to intercultural awareness and communication as a success criterion in international and multicultural situations. I am convinced that this theme is also highly relevant to the theme of LfW.
How do you plan to disseminate the project? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- to colleagues</li><li>- to a professional association</li><li>- in a professional journal/website</li><li>- in a newspaper</li><li>- other</li></ul>	I have already shared some of the outcomes on social media and will send this report to our national agency and the ministry of education with a special recommendation.

## 2. Public information

Short text (about 200 words) for the promotion of the ECML event, the project and the envisaged

publication with a focus on the benefits for target groups. This text should be provided in your national language(s) to be used for dissemination (on websites, for journals etc.).

Het ECML\*-project *Language for Work* stimuleert en ondersteunt immigranten en hun werkgevers en collega's in het leren van de nationale taal, nieuw voor de immigranten, vanuit hun werk. De innovatieve waarde van de combinatie "werkplek en leren" is in veel praktijkvoorbeelden al duidelijk geworden. Voor de werkgever is dit van belang en op termijn economisch, aangezien de nieuwe medewerker hiermee snel alle werkzaamheden zal leren uitvoeren. Voor de betrokken werknemer vormt het leren van de taal op het werk een praktische aanvulling op eventuele taallessen in een instituut, specifiek gericht op het verhogen van de kwaliteit van het werk en het versoepelen van de sociale contacten, in de professionele en in de persoonlijke sfeer.

Een brede verspreiding van de informatie, in het bijzonder de *Quick Guide* waarin de introductie en succesvolle uitvoering van het taalleren op het werk op beknopte en actiegerichte wijze wordt gepresenteerd, lijkt mij zinvol voor de samenleving op alle niveaus: van bedrijfsleven tot openbaar en sociaal leven. Als nationale en lokale overheid, bedrijfsleven en opleidingsinstellingen hierin samenwerken kunnen we daarvan met z'n allen alleen maar profiteren, in het economisch en sociaal verkeer. Deze tijd van migratie en immigratie vraagt om dit soort constructieve initiatieven.

\* Het ECML is het taalbeleidscentrum van de Raad van Europa in Graz, zie [www.ecml.at](http://www.ecml.at)