



# Action research communities for language teachers



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**This project is about making techniques for action research widely available by establishing a community of practice, bringing together newly qualified teachers, experienced teachers, teacher educators and university researchers.**

The objectives are to:

- design action research tools to help improve the quality of teaching and learning and foster dialogue;
- demonstrate how research can feed into practice and practice into research;
- show how action research is beneficial to teachers and learners;
- create European models for peer learning activities.

The goal of action research communities for language teachers is to contribute towards quality enhancement in the language classroom by tapping into existing networks and creating new learning communities, which can be replicated across ECML member states.

## Envisaged outputs

- Guidelines for action research and for networking strategies
- A practical guide to action research for teachers and teacher educators based on experiences from the ECML countries
- Piloted models of trialled course units: format for training units to improve classroom practice through linking quality strategies to practical action research approaches
- A set of success stories in several languages
- Online platform with a bank of resources, including key documentation, and didactic materials

## Envisaged outcomes

- The adoption of an action-research based approach to language methodologies
- Increased co-operation between classrooms practice and academic expertise
- Positive impact on language education in classrooms through professional networks and peer support

## Target groups

The resources are for language teachers and teacher educators across Europe.

### PROJECT PERIOD

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### WORKING LANGUAGES

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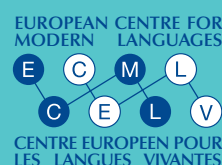
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## Related resources

- European portfolio for student teachers of languages (EPOSTL)  
[www.ecml.at/epostl](http://www.ecml.at/epostl)
- European Language Portfolio (ELP)  
[www.ecml.at/elp](http://www.ecml.at/elp)
- A training guide for quality assurance in language education (QualiTraining)  
[www.ecml.at/qualitraining](http://www.ecml.at/qualitraining)
- Empowering language networks (LACS)  
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