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Europe in crisis?



- «Rightwing populism is on the march – but the EU can't even win enough support to impose sanctions » (Guardian, UK)
- « Turquie : le principal parti prokurde dénonce la « fin de la démocratie », » (Le Monde, France)
- «Dos nuevos naufragios elevan a más de 4.000 los muertos en el Mediterráneo este año» (El Periódico, Spain)
- «A century after the Somme, another war now seems less unimaginable» (Guardian, UK)

« La déshumanisation de l'autre est inquiétante »

Yves Daccord, Director of International Red Cross



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The Council of Europe

www.coe.int



- **Founded 1949**
- **Geographically largest European institution in the area of intergovernmental co-operation**
- **47 member states**

Areas of action

- **Human rights**
- **Democracy**
- **Rule of Law**

SECURING DEMOCRACY THROUGH EDUCATION

COMPETENCES
FOR DEMOCRATIC CULTURE



#NoHateNoFear

Charter on Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education

Do not get confused



Council of Europe ≠ European Council ≠ European Union



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The wider political context



- **Report from the Secretary General: State of democracy, human rights and the rule of law in Europe, Council of Europe (2016)**
- **Council of Europe Action Plans for building inclusive societies/ against extremism and radicalization (2016-19)**
- **European Union Paris Declaration promoting citizenship, common values of freedom, tolerance and non-discrimination (March 2015)**
- **European Union conclusions on multilingualism and the development of language competences (May 2014)**
- **Recommendations of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe to member States**

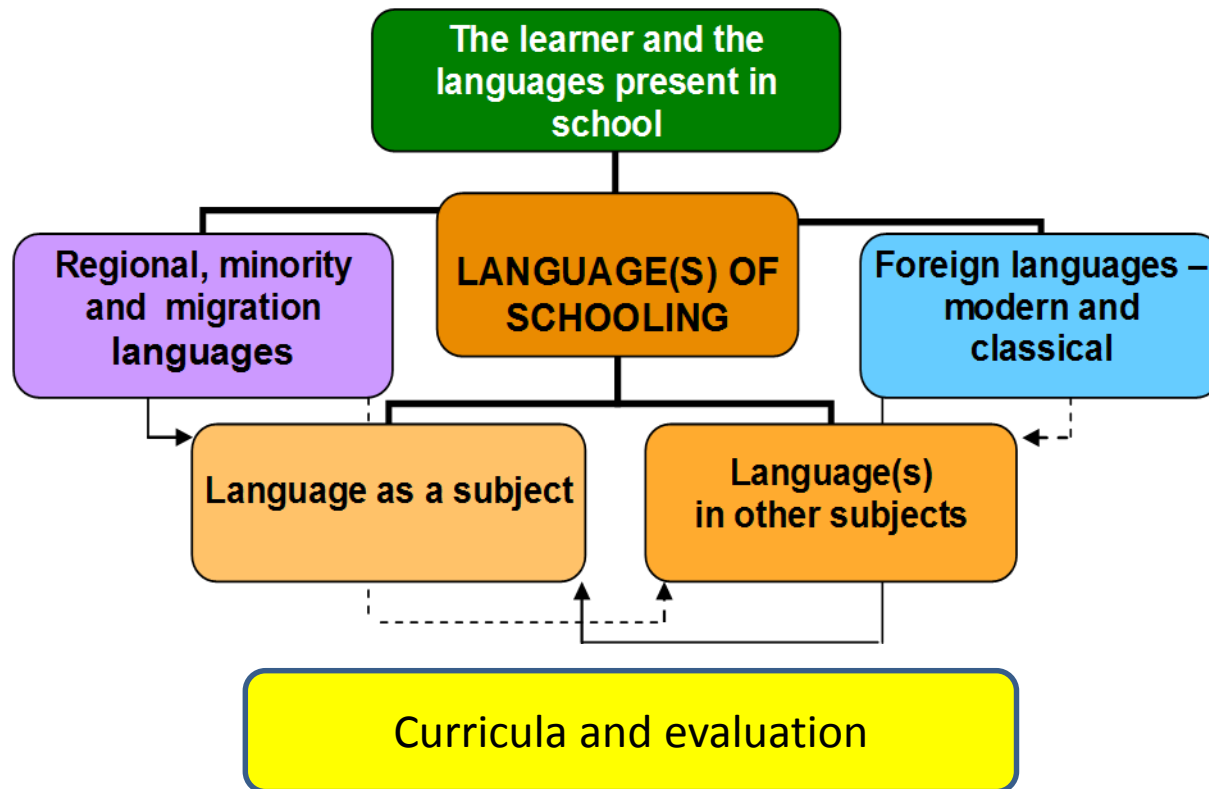


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The Council of Europe and languages



Language education
contributing to
democracy

http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/langeduc/le_platformintro_EN.asp



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ECML: who we are and what we do

An enlarged Partial Agreement

of the Council of Europe with 33 member states; founded in Graz, Austria in 1994

Mission

innovation in language learning and teaching; implementation of effective language education policies

Key target audience

decision-makers, teacher-trainers, language teachers

4 year programmes

of international projects and bilateral training and consultancy

Our vision

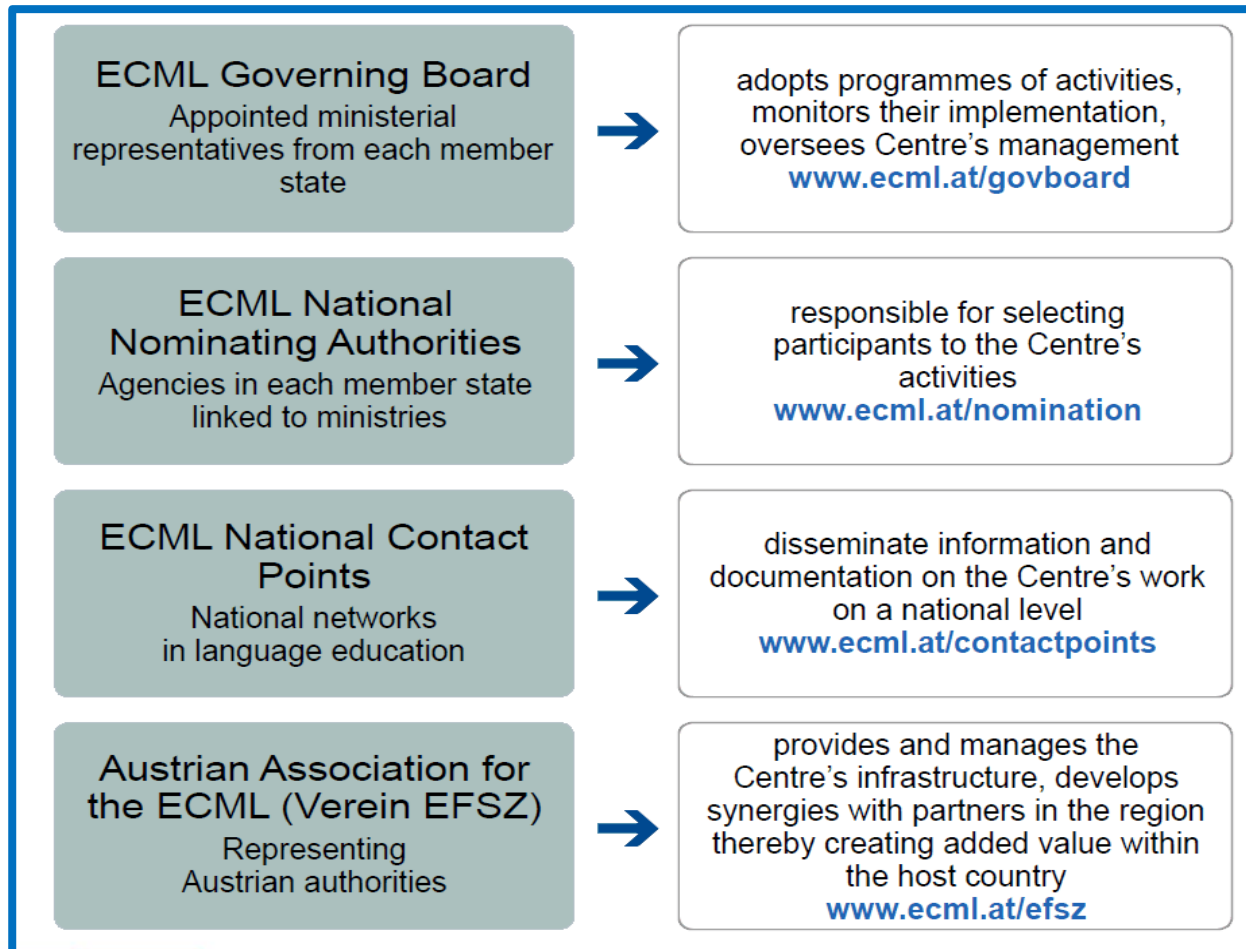
A Europe committed to linguistic and cultural diversity, where the key role of quality language education in achieving intercultural dialogue, democratic citizenship and social cohesion is recognised and supported.



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ECML Structure



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★ The Professional Network Forum of the ECML



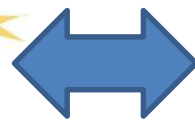
ECML – tapping into the finest expertise from across the world



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Language challenges



ECML Resources

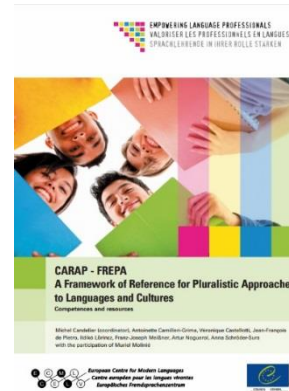
For teacher educators and teachers



European
Portfolio for
pre-primary
educators



The European
Portfolio for
student
teachers of
languages



A framework
of reference
for pluralistic
approaches
to languages
and cultures



Teaching the
language of
schooling in
the context of
diversity



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Language challenges ↔ ECML Resources

For teacher educators and teachers



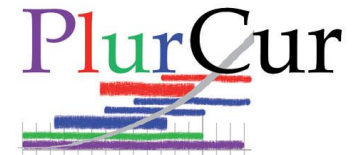
A resource website with ideas for involving parents in their children's language education and explaining the benefits



Content-based teaching + plurilingual/cultural awareness: a training kit



An online course to enhance young learners' plurilingual competences, including their command of the language of schooling



Case-studies from across Europe illustrating how to develop and implement whole-school language projects



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Language challenges ↔ ECML Resources

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Practical resources to support plurilingual and intercultural learning before, during and after mobility activities



A pluriliteracies approach to teaching for learning



Language skills for successful subject learning : CEFR-linked descriptors for mathematics and history



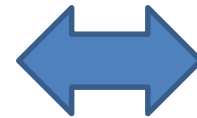
An online searchable directory of language associations; ideas bank for how to raise awareness of ECML resources and adapt these to local contexts



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CEFR and ELP implementation



ECML resources



Assessment of young learner literacy linked to the CEFR (AYLLit)



CEFR – level estimation grid for teachers (CEFESTIM)



ELP in whole-school use



Classroom Assessment related to the Common European Framework of Reference



Encouraging the culture of evaluation among professionals (ECEP)

Formative classroom assessment linked to the CEFR

Using the [ELP](#): dedicated ECML website



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ECML inventory of ICT tools and open educational resources

Welcome to the inventory of freely available online tools and open educational resources for language teaching and learning developed by the ICT-REV project! The inventory contains a list of tools that have been evaluated with sound pedagogical criteria in mind. [read more](#)

66 results found



Moodle (course management system or VLE- virtual learning environment)

[view details](#)



Zaption (video editing)

[view details](#)



Voki (talking through avatars)

[view details](#)



Powerpoint Online (cloud-based presentation tool)

[view details](#)



Padlet (online collaborative platform)

[view details](#)

Filter

Principal functions(s)

- Audio record/edit/share
- Blogging
- Bookmarking
- Citation manager
- Course management
- Dictionary
- File sharing/syncing
- Flashcard
- Games apps
- Graphic organizer
- Image sharing
- Mind mapping
- News aggregator
- Note taking
- Podcast aggregator
- Polling
- Poster creator
- Question/answer management
- Quiz maker
- Screen capture
- Slide presenting
- Social networking
- Thesaurus
- Timeline creator
- Translation tool
- Url shortener
- Video record/edit/share
- Vocabulary trainer
- Website creator
- Wiki

Type of Interaction

- Group/pair work - classmates
- Group/pair work - outsiders
- Individual work
- One to many (e.g. lecturing, storytelling)
- Many to one (e.g. commenting, rating, peer review)

Language Skills

- Listening
- Speaking
- Reading
- Writing
- Vocabulary
- Grammar
- Pronunciation

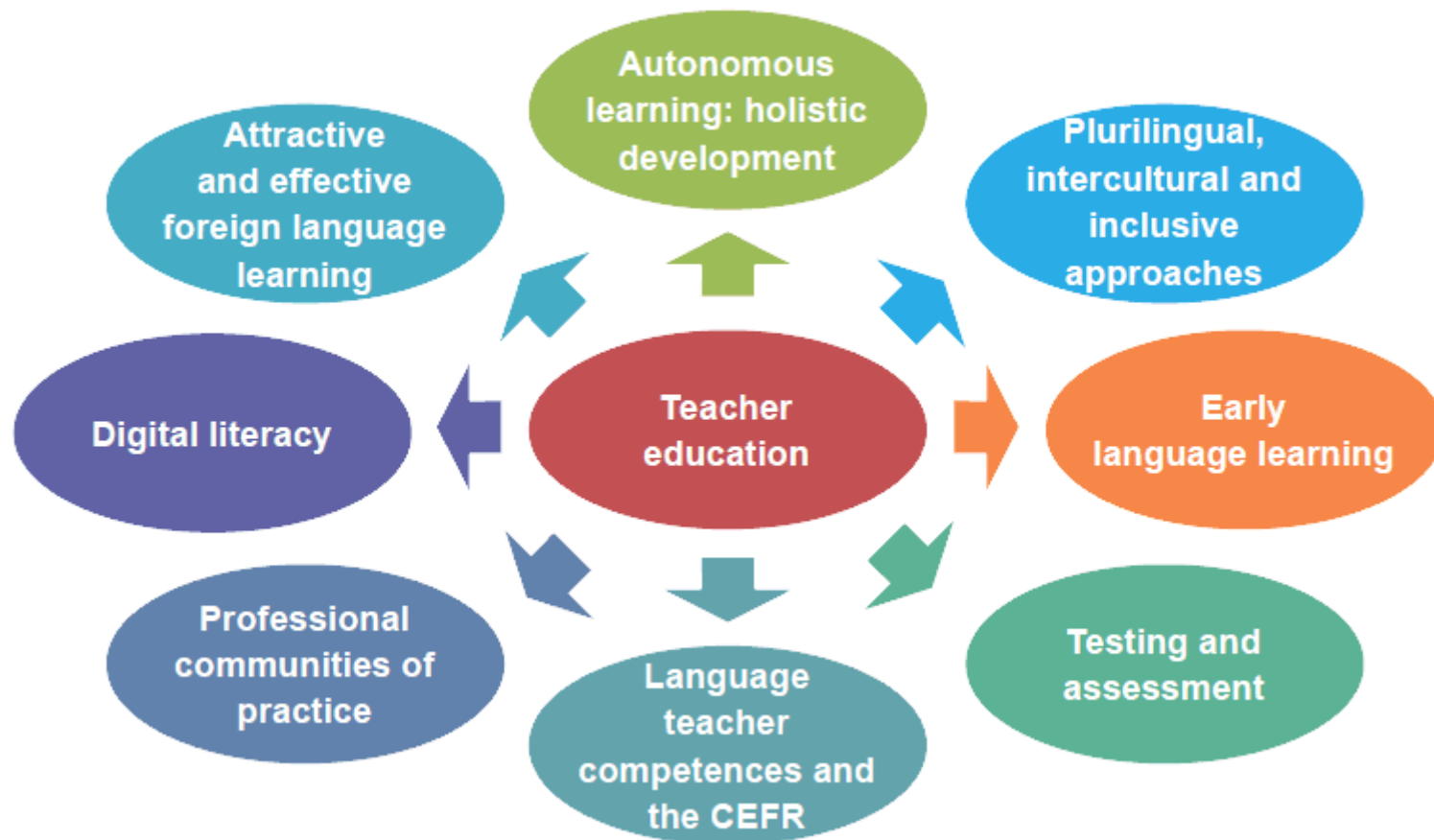
Primary User

- Teacher
- Student

Content

- You supply
- Website/other users supply

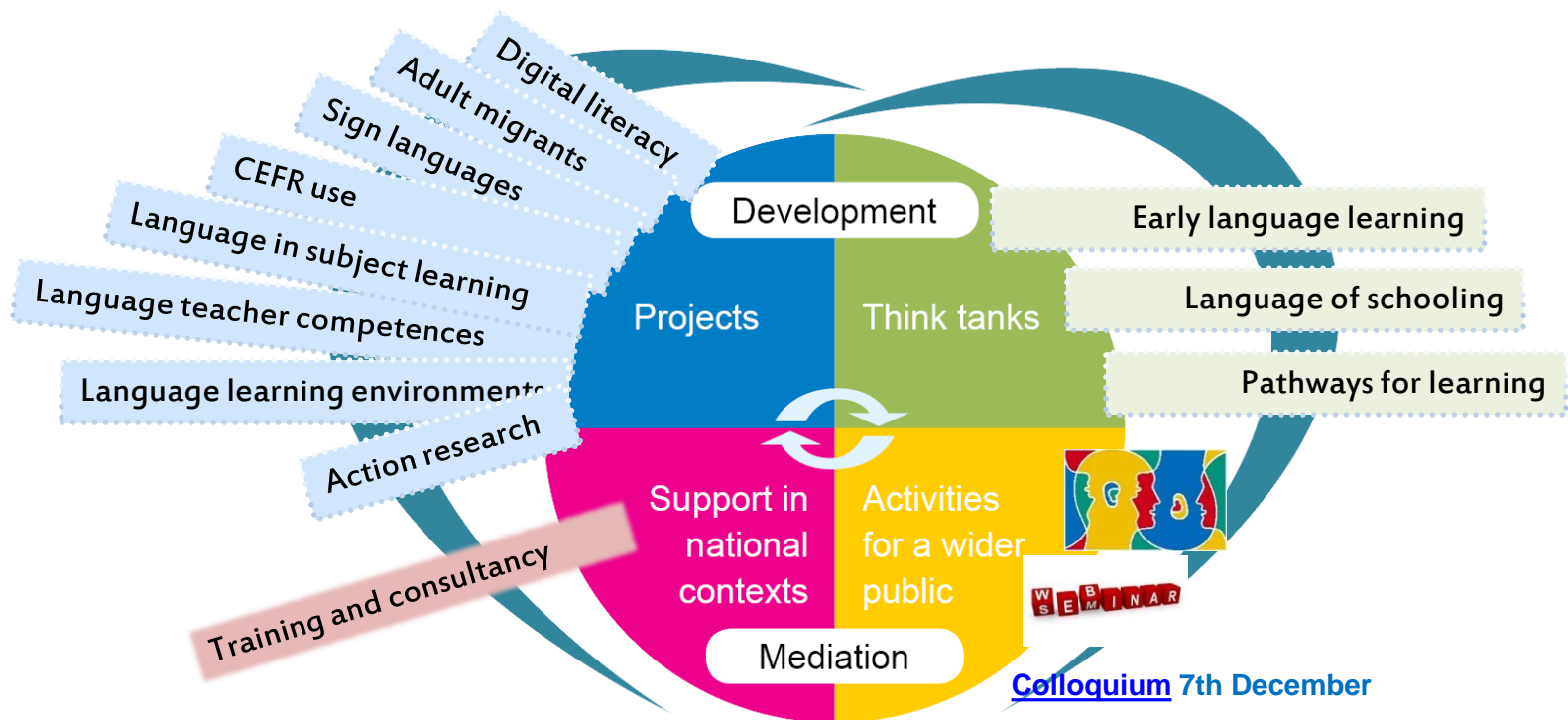
Current priorities in ECML member states



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ECML training and consultancy for member states



Targeted, tailored support to address national challenges

- Supporting Multilingual Classrooms*
- Plurilingual education
- Testing and Assessment (RELANG)*
- Quality education in Romani
- Quality assurance in language and citizenship courses
- Language teacher education
- Content and Language Integrated Learning
- Use of ICT in support of language teaching and learning
- Plurilingual and intercultural learning through mobility
- Using the European Language Portfolio

* in cooperation with the European Commission



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European Day of Languages

On the dedicated EDL website:

- A wealth of free resources in 36 languages; online games to test your knowledge and skills in different languages, including sign language
- Language trivia, idioms, “false friends”, palindromes, tongue-twisters and many other similarities and differences within Europe’s rich linguistic panorama
- A calendar and interactive map showing EDL events all over the world



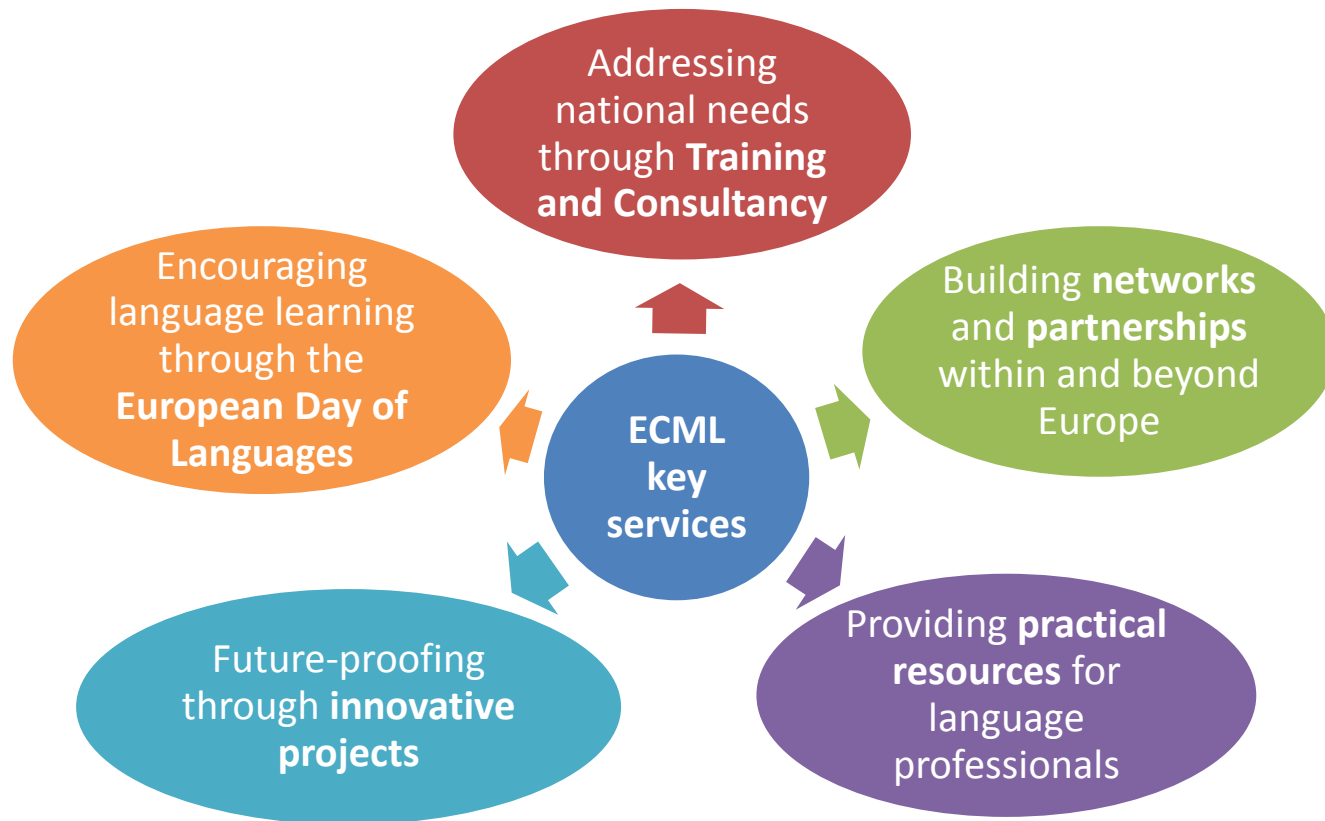
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« *Knowledge of languages is the doorway to wisdom* » Roger Bacon



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