By offering creative and innovative responses to increasingly complex learner needs, language education can make a key contribution to a peaceful, democratic and socially just Europe. This is reflected in the title of the new ECML programme: “Inspiring innovation in language education: changing contexts, evolving competences”.

Programme overview
This programme consists of two strands: development and mediation. The development strand focuses on innovation projects, on creating new solutions to the challenges identified in member states; through the mediation strand, member states can adapt and implement existing ECML resources as well as access ECML expertise through training and consultancy and national support events. Through conferences, webinars and by celebrating the European Day of Languages, the ECML opens up its activities to a wider public.

Priorities in member states
“Inspiring innovation in language education: changing contexts, evolving competences” responds directly to the priorities in ECML member states. As this diagram shows, these priorities range from early years to the workplace; they cover a wide range of themes, resulting in the need for constant upskilling of professionals in the field.

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**Plurilingual and intercultural education**
- Training and consultancy
  - Plurilingual and intercultural approaches
  - Supporting multilingual classrooms
  - Quality education in Romani

**New media**
- Project
  - Digital citizenship through language education
- Training and consultancy
  - ICT in language teaching and learning

**Early language learning**
- Project
  - Young children’s language learning pathways

**Modern languages CLIL**
- Projects
  - CLIL in languages other than English
  - Enhancing language education in cross-border vocational education
  - Developing transversal competences in language education
- Training and consultancy
  - CLIL and beyond (pluriliteracies)
  - Learning environments where modern languages flourish

**Migrant education and employment**
- Project
  - Resources for assessing the home language competences of migrant pupils
- Training and consultancy
  - Language for work

**Language(s) of schooling**
- Training and consultancy
  - Supporting the language(s) of schooling (Roadmap)
  - Language of schooling in subject learning

**Activities for a wider public**
- Professional Network Forum
- Webinars and conferences
- European Day of Languages

**Curricula and evaluation**
- Projects
  - CEFR Companion Volume implementation toolbox
  - Mediation in teaching, learning and assessment
- Training and consultancy
  - Relating language curricula, tests and examinations to the CEFR

**Teacher and learner competences**
- Projects
  - Developing teacher competences for pluralistic approaches
- Training and consultancy
  - Teacher competences for languages in education
  - Action research communities

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