Inspiring innovation in language education: changing contexts, evolving competences
Inspirer l'innovation dans l'éducation aux langues : contextes changeants, compétences en évolution
Innovationsimpulse in der Sprachenbildung: Kontexte und Kompetenzen im Wandel

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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[1] 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)**

within the given deadline.

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[1] Only if you authorised the ECML to publish your contact details.

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ECML project website	https://www.ecml.at/ECML-Programme/Programme2020-2023/CEFRCompanionVolumeimplementationtoolbox/tabid/4299/language/en-GB/Default.aspx
Date of the event	14-15 September 2021
Brief summary of the content of the workshop	Getting acquainted with the goals of the VITbox project, the team behind it, and the progress made so far. It gave a better understanding of the modules developed in the project and their structure as well as practical tasks for implementing the CEFR Companion Volume in the classroom.
What did you find particularly useful?	The materials developed so far that can be used in the classroom, both with language learners (the practical activities) as well as language teachers (the explanations of concepts and how to assess them). Also, the fact that one of the aims of the project is to create an open-source depository of reviewed modifiable resources for teachers and teacher trainers is definitely a huge benefit as it allows teachers to apply the ideas in the Companion Volume in a time-efficient way.
How will you use what you learnt / developed in the event in your professional context?	The VITbox materials can be used with teachers to expand their understanding and implementation of the CEFR Companion Volume. This is an important aspect in training both current and future language teachers.
How will you further contribute to the project?	I would be happy to take part in any follow-up events related to the project. I would also be happy to test materials developed in the project with teachers-in-training and offer feedback to the creators.
How do you plan to disseminate the project? - to colleagues	Discussions with colleagues about the main aims and benefits of this project; a description and brief analysis of the workshop to the ECML national nominating authority and representative of the Ministry of

- to a professional association - in a professional journal/website - in a newspaper - other	Education, incorporating information gained at the workshop into the programmes and content in local information events about the CEFR Companion Volume organized in Estonia.

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.).
CEFR Companion Volume Implementation Toolbox (VITbox) projekti eesmärk on luua tasuta materjalide kogum/ andmebaas, kust leidub keeleõpetaja koolitamisega seotud isikutele usaldusväärseid ja oma vajadustele kohandatavaid materjale. Andmebaasi lisatakse nii põhimõisteid selgitavaid esitlusi kui ka eri tasemetele mõeldud praktilisi keeleõppeülesandeid, mida tundides kasutada saab. Esmajärjekorras on projekt suunatud õpetajakoolituse läbiviijatele ja õppekavade koostamisega seotud isikutele toetamaks Euroopa keeleõppe raamdokumendi täiendatud käsitluste laiemat levikut keeleõppes, aga kindlasti on see väga kasulik ka tegevõpetajatele, sest raamdokumendi sõsarväljaande peamised mõisted on selgitatud lihtsalt ja lühidalt ning seetõttu on niigi ajapuuduses õpetajatel kergem end tähtsamate uuendustega kurssi viia. Praktiliste ülesannete juures on väljavõtted seotud sõsarväljaande tasemekirjeldustest, seega kasutajal on koheselt näha, millist keelekasutuse valdkonda vastava ülesandega arendatakse ja kuidas see haakub sõsarväljaandega. Projekti läbiviijatel on plaanis andmebaasi lisada ka soovitusi ja juhiseid hindamise osas, kuid põhirõhk on tegevuspõhisel (action-based) lähenemisel keeleõppele ja keeleõppe paremaks sidumiseks nüüdisaja õppijate vajadustega, et seeläbi õpetamisprotsessi tõhustada ja õppijate motivatsiooni ning rahulolu veelgi tõsta. Ülesanded ja esitlused pannakse üles esialgu inglise ja prantsuse keeles, aga ajapikku on plaan laiendada materjalivalikut ka teiste keeltega.