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ECML training and consultancy for member states

"Setting up learning environments where modern languages flourish (EOL)"

Reference documentation

Promoting Excellence in Language Education
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Für Sprachenbildung auf höchstem Niveau

About the ECML

ECML Training and consultancy – introduction by Sarah Breslin, Executive Director of the ECML
Video: English [12:33 min.] – French [14:45 min.]

Introduction to the ECML by Susanna Slivensky, Deputy Executive Director / Head of programmes of the ECML
Video: English [17:43 min] – French [13:09 min.] – German [12:52 min.]

ECML – General information
Brochure: English – French (2025)

Member states of the ECML (national contacts, ECML experts involved, selected resources), special agreement with Canada, ECML expertise in non-member states, benefits of an ECML membership
Website: English – French

> ECML member state representation (Governing Board, National Nominating Authorities, National Contact Points): see "National contacts"

> Experts who have been or are involved in ECML activities: see "Experts involved"

Austrian Association (Europäisches Fremdsprachenzentrum in Österreich, website available in German)

25th anniversary publication (2019)
Cavalli Marisa, Heyworth Frank, Newby David (2019*), Changing contexts, evolving competences: 25 years of inspiring innovation in language education*
Publication: English – French

ECML 25th Anniversary Declaration "Quality language education for a democratic, socially cohesive and peaceful Europe: nine ECML cornerstones"
Web page of the ECML 25th Anniversary Conference "Languages at the heart of learning: 25 years of inspiring innovation": English – French

Declaration available in Bosnian – English – Estonian – French – German – Macedonian – Norsk Bokmål – Norsk Nynorsk – Slovak – Slovene

"The importance of plurilingual and intercultural education for democratic culture": Recommendation CM/Rec(2022)1 adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe on 2 February 2022 and explanatory memorandum:
English – French – Other languages and Explanatory Memorandum on the dedicated web page

"Plurilingual and intercultural education for democratic culture; a Council of Europe Recommendation and its implications for the university sector": article by David Little

Webinar 1 "A new Council of Europe Recommendation on language education" (14 June 2022):
> English – French – PowerPoint presentation

Webinar 2 "A new Council of Europe Recommendation on language education: defining plurilingual and intercultural education" (23 September 2022):
> English – French – PowerPoint presentation

Webinar 3 "A new Council of Europe Recommendation on language education: the importance of teacher education" (29 March 2023):
> English – French – PowerPoint presentation in French

Webinar 4 "A Council of Europe Recommendation on language education: challenging societal attitudes towards language and culture"(22 February 2024):
> English – French – PowerPoint presentation

Current ECML programme

ECML programme 2024-2027 "Language education at the heart of democracy"

Dedicated web section: English – French
Programme flyer: English – French
Project overview – Flyer: English – French

Projects developing new resources	Project websites
AI for language education (AI Lang)	English – French
Pluriliteracies for global citizenship – Deeper learning in the foreign language classroom (PlurilitCit)	English – French
Developing competences for democratic culture for young learners through language education (DECODE)	English – French – German
Unlocking educational opportunities in sign languages in Europe (DeafSign)	English – French
CLIL teaching materials for developing 21st century competences (CLILMat)	English – French – German
Fostering the plurilingual wellbeing of language teachers (Pluriwell)	English – French
Projects supporting the use of ECML resources	
A toolkit for implementing integrated didactics in language education (Integrated Didactics)	English – French
Using ECML resources to support plurilingual and intercultural education for democratic culture (ARPIDE)	English – French – German

In-country capacity-building via ECML training and consultancy offer for member states 2024-2027

Overview: English – French

"Setting up learning environments where modern languages flourish (EOL)": English – French

Resources

ECML resources

ECML project outputs

Learning environments where modern languages flourish (EOL) (2019)
Resource website: English – French – German
Flyer: English – French – German

A quality assurance matrix for CEFR use (QualiMatrix) (2019)
Resource website: English – French
Flyer: English – French – German

Digital citizenship through language education (E-LANG Citizen) (2023)
Resource website: English – French
Flyer: English – French

Digital literacy for the teaching and learning of languages (E-LANG) (2019)
Resource website: English – French
Flyer: English – French – German

Developing language awareness in subject classes (2019)
Resource website: English – French
Flyer: English – French

A roadmap for schools to support the language(s) of schooling (2019)
Resource website: English – French – German
Web-based tool: English – Finnish – French – German – Swedish
Flyer: English – French – German – Finnish – Swedish

Action research communities for language teachers (2019)
Resource website: English – German
Flyer: English – German

Related ECML thematic collections

Plurilingual and intercultural education
Website: English – French

Languages of schooling
Website: English – French

Multilingual glossary of key terms in language education

Terms in English, French, German and international sign language

Council of Europe reference publications

A handbook for curriculum development and teacher training – The language dimension in all subjects (2016)
Website and publication: English – French

Guide for the development and implementation of curricula for plurilingual and intercultural education
Website and publication: English – French

Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture:
Website: English – French

> Volume 1: Context, concepts and model
> Volume 2: Descriptors of competences
> Volume 3: Guidance for Implementation
> All available language versions can be downloaded from the Council of Europe website.

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