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ECML training and consultancy for member states

"The CEFR Companion Volume: Mediation and other key concepts"

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 (revised version in both languages to be published in 2025)

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

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)

ECML member state representation:
Governing Board, National Nominating Authorities, National Contact Points, Austrian Association

"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 recordings:
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

Dedicated web section "The CEFR Companion Volume: Mediation and other key concepts":
English – French

ECML related project outputs

ECML programme "Inspiring innovation in language education: changing contexts, evolving competences" (2020-2023)

Website: English – French
ECML resources of the 2020-2023 programme – Flyer: English – French

VITBOX – CEFR Companion Volume implementation toolbox:
Resource website(English – French): www.ecml.at/companionvolumetoolbox
Flyer: English – French

METLA – Mediation in teaching, learning and assessment:
Resource website(English – French): www.ecml.at/mediation
Flyer: English – French

Publications and resources from previous ECML programmes

GULT – Guidelines for Task-Based University Language Teaching:
Resource website (English – French): http://gult.ecml.at
Handbook: English – French

LCaS – Language Case Studies – Developing teacher training modules for the use of case studies in language teaching at secondary and university level:
Handbook: English

FREPA / CARAP – A Framework of Reference for Pluralistic Approaches to Languages and Cultures:
Resource website (English – French – German): http://carap.ecml.at/
Handbook: English – French – Arabic – Italian – Polish – Serbian – Slovak – Slovene – Spanish

Related ECML thematic collections

Teacher and learner competences: English – French

Curricula and evaluation: English – French

Multilingual glossary of key terms in language education

Terms in English, French, German and international sign language

Council of Europe reference publications

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.

Common European Framework of Referene for Languages (CECR) and CECR Companion Volume:

Dedicated website: [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)](#)

CEFR Companion Volume (2020): [English](#) – [other language versions](#)

[CEFR descriptors](#) (searchable database)

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