

## 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<sup>1</sup> 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](mailto:Erika.komon@ecml.at))

within the given deadline.

#### 1. Reporting

Name of the workshop participant

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<sup>1</sup> Only if you authorised the ECML to publish your contact details.

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<b>ECML project website</b>	www.languageforwork.ecml.at
<b>Date of the event</b>	<b>24-25 June 2015</b>
<b>Brief summary of the content of the workshop</b>	<p>The workshop dealt with the result of Language for Work network. There was also an expert lecture by professor Laurent Filliettaz, Université de Genève on recognising and sustaining linguistic demands at the workplace of today. Claire Extramiana presented an overview of the Council of Europe's LIAM working group. The presentation of ECML by Some of the participants presented posters and minor seminars on different subjects connected to the workshop theme. As a preparation for the workshop the participants had produced overviews of the policy and practice of language learning among migrants in the workplace in their own country.</p> <p>Interactive group work was an important item on the agenda all through the workshop and the online discussion tool enhanced the interaction during the event. We discussed different aspects of workplace learning and language learning for migrants. One important tool developed by the network is the website which will helpful for future cooperation and further development. The discussion among the participants was intense and gave much inspiration.</p>
<b>What did you find particularly useful?</b>	It was interesting to find that participants from 31 countries with very different preconditions and experience could have so much in common and so fruitful discussions. The programme was well balanced with lectures and group work. The input from the lecturers gave me much inspiration and knowledge as did the contacts with the participants.
<b>How will you use what you learnt/ developed in the event in your professional context?</b>	I use the experiences in my work with developing new curriculums for workplace and language learning. We need to prepare managers, colleagues and also teachers for this didactic area.
<b>How will you further contribute to the project?</b>	I will give my results to the website and network members and I hope the application for Language for Work 2 will be approved.

**How do you plan to disseminate the project?**

- to colleagues
- to a professional association
- in a professional journal/website
- in a newspaper
- other

I have written a report in Swedish which I have sent to some stakeholders in Sweden. My organisation will produce info about the ECML and the network either in a newsletter or on the website.

**1. 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.).**

Arbetsplatsen som navet i språkinlärningen

Nätverket Language for Work är ett europeiskt lärande nätverk för forskare, lärare, arbetsgivare, fackföreningar, politiska beslutsfattare och andra personer som arbetar i ett framväxande område: arbetsrelaterad inlärning av majoritetsspråket för invandrare och etniska minoriteter. Syftet med nätverket är att lära av varandra och hjälpa medlemmarna att utveckla praxis inom området. Language for Work finansieras och hålls av Europarådet för moderna språk och startades 2012. Inom ramen för nätverket har en hemsida utvecklats och ett antal möten och workshops arrangerats.

Vid en workshop i Graz i juni med rubriken "Developing migrants' language competences at work" fanns representanter för 31 av Europarådets medlemsländer samt Moskvas lingvistiska universitet. De 47 deltagarna hade olika bakgrund: forskare, lärare, administratörer med mera.

Som rubriken angav handlade workshoppen om hur man kan stötta språkinlärning för migranter och minoritetsgrupper i arbetslivet, men också om hur lågutbildade modersmålstalare kan få stöd i sin språkutveckling. En punkt handlade om policy och praktik i de olika länderna och hur samverkan fungerar mellan dem som berörs: språklärare, vuxenutbildning, arbetsgivare, fackföreningar, kollegor, chefer m fl.

Programmet varvade föredrag av experter med gruppdiskussioner och mindre seminarier. Deltagarna hade olika erfarenheter och utgångsläge, men en gemensam nämnare var intresset för arbetslivet som centrum i språkinlärningen. För mer information, se [www.languageforwork.ecml.at](http://www.languageforwork.ecml.at).