

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 report¹ 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.

1. Reporting

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

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Title of ECML project	Developing migrants' language competences at work (Language for Work)
ECML project website	http://www.ecml.at/l2/tabid/891/language/en-GB/Default.aspx
Date of the event	6-7 December 2012
Brief summary of the content of the workshop	<p>On the first day participants were given information about the project and the aim of the meeting; they got to know each other and briefly exchanged information about the institutions they came from and "language for the workplace" research, practices and issues of concern in their countries; they reflected and commented a draft of glossary of the "language for the workplace" multidisciplinary field; they listened to and discussed about Knud Illeris' presentation about language learning.</p> <p>On the second day participants reflected through group activities on the aims and objectives of the Network and on what actions it could realize in the future.</p>
What did you find particularly useful?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting other professionals who work in the field of "language for the workplace" in different kinds of institutions: it gave me some hints about differences and similarities of situations, experiences and issues of concern that exist in different European countries, and it gave me a better understanding of the Italian situation. 2. Discussing about words and theoretical concepts we use to describe our field of work, trying to find a common ground: it was a good way to improve my own understanding of my work and strengthen my theoretical framework. 3. Group activities to lay down together the basis of the Network.
How will you use what you learnt/ developed in the event in your professional context?	I will follow the hints I received to continue and enlarge my research on international second language for the workplace theory and

	<p>practice.</p> <p>I will use the contacts I collected to organise a meeting in my University on the issue.</p>
<p>How will you further contribute to the project?</p>	<p>I'd like to (and I will try to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - contribute to the web-based resource the Network will work on by writing the "country profile" for Italy and by sharing Italian and international materials I collected and used in my researches; - raise attention on the issue of language for work in Italy through publications and by promoting a meeting on the issue involving potentially interested professional and stakeholders; - disseminate the project in Italy.
<p>How do you plan to disseminate the project?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to colleagues - to a professional association - in a professional journal/website - in a newspaper - other 	<p>I will work for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - submitting a proposal for an article in the professional web journal "Italiano LinguaDue"; - organizing a meeting at the University of Bologna involving some of the Network participants and some Italian professionals and representatives of institutions potentially concerned by this issue: Università di Bologna, Regione Emilia Romagna (local government), Impronta Etica (association of companies working in Emilia Romagna that have already shown an interest on the issue of communication and integration of migrant workers), Edizioni La Linea (publishing house), Fondazione Ismu (Multi-ethnicity Studies Institute of Milan).

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.).

Il progetto *Language for Work*, inserito nel programma 2012-2015 del Centro Europeo per le Lingue Moderne del Consiglio d'Europa (ECML), intende promuovere la costruzione di una rete europea a supporto di tutti coloro che, a vario titolo, si occupano delle tematiche relative all'apprendimento della lingua del paese ospite a scopo lavorativo da parte dei cittadini migranti o appartenenti a minoranze

etniche. Il progetto punta a coinvolgere nei diversi paesi europei insegnanti, formatori, ricercatori, ma anche tutti gli altri soggetti toccati dalle problematiche affrontate: imprese e datori di lavoro, sindacati, *policy-makers*.

Durante il primo meeting del Language for Work Network, tenutosi a Graz il 6 e 7 dicembre 2012, 20 esperti provenienti da 12 paesi europei si sono confrontati, hanno condiviso esperienze e conoscenze ed hanno gettato le basi per la rete, definendone struttura ed obiettivi: in particolare, il progetto sfocerà nella costruzione di un sito attraverso il quale saranno raccolti e condivisi materiali e riferimenti internazionali utili a ricercatori e professionisti che vogliano approfondire il tema o che intendano intraprendere azioni in questo campo.

La partecipazione di soggetti italiani alla rete - provenienti dal mondo universitario e dell'editoria - favorirà la diffusione nel nostro Paese delle tematiche in oggetto e l'avvio di un dibattito a riguardo capace di coinvolgere tutti i soggetti potenzialmente interessati.