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### **Council of Europe Threshold Level: French, German, Spanish; Dutch Certificate**

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## 1. Records description

The 55 documents contained in this box relate to the work of Council of Europe's Committee for Out-of-School Education and Division for Out-of-School Education.

This collection of papers deals with the following topics:

- the Threshold Level specifications for modern language learning;
- preparation, elaboration and the implementation of the Threshold Level for French, German, Spanish;
- syllabi design and curricula development according to the Threshold Level specifications;
- learning objectives of the VHS Certificates for foreign languages;
- The Certificate Dutch as a Foreign Language.

The documents include a set of correspondence concerning the Threshold Level for French, German and Spanish, as well as draft versions of the individual chapters from the Threshold Level for German.

## 2. Keywords

curriculum development

education

adult education

elementary education

further education

secondary education

Europe

grammar

language functions

modern language teaching

*languages*

Dutch

English

French

German

Spanish

notions (general, specific)

sociocultural competence

speech acts

syllabus design

Threshold Level | Niveau-Seuil | Nivel Umbral

VHS-Zertifikat

Way Stage

### 3. Topics

- The Threshold Level specifications for modern language learning
- Preparation, elaboration and the implementation of the Threshold Level for French, German, Spanish
- Syllabi design and curricula development according to the Threshold Level specifications
- Learning objectives of the VHS Certificates for foreign languages
- The Certificate Dutch as a Foreign Language

### 4. Time periods

1974  
1975  
1977  
1978

### 5. Events

Events	Venue	Date
Meeting about the Threshold Level for German	Ludwigshafen am Rhein, Germany	7 September 1977

### 6. Council of Europe committees, councils and divisions involved

Council of Europe, Committee for Out-of-School Education.  
Council of Europe, Division for Out-of-School Education

### 7. Associations, institutions and organisations quoted

Bayerischer Volkshochschulverband E.V.  
British Broadcasting Corporation  
Deutscher Volkshochschul-Verband E.V.  
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Ecole normale supérieure de Saint-Cloud, Centre de Recherche et d'Etude pour la Diffusion du Français (CREDIF)  
University of Cambridge, Department of Linguistics.  
University of Groningen, Department of English/Rijksuniversiteit te Groningen, Anglistisch Instituut  
University of Utrecht  
University of York, Language Teaching Centre

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## **9. Document types**

Excerpt  
Letter  
List  
Note  
Paper  
Questionnaire  
Report

## **10. Document reference numbers**

Not applicable.