

The European Centre for Modern Languages of the Council of Europe (ECML): promoting excellence in language education



Council of Europe

Established on 5 May 1949 (Treaty of London) by 10 states

Comprises 47 member states today

Based in Strasbourg (France)

Intergovernmental political organisation,
founded on three main values:
human rights, democracy and the rule of law

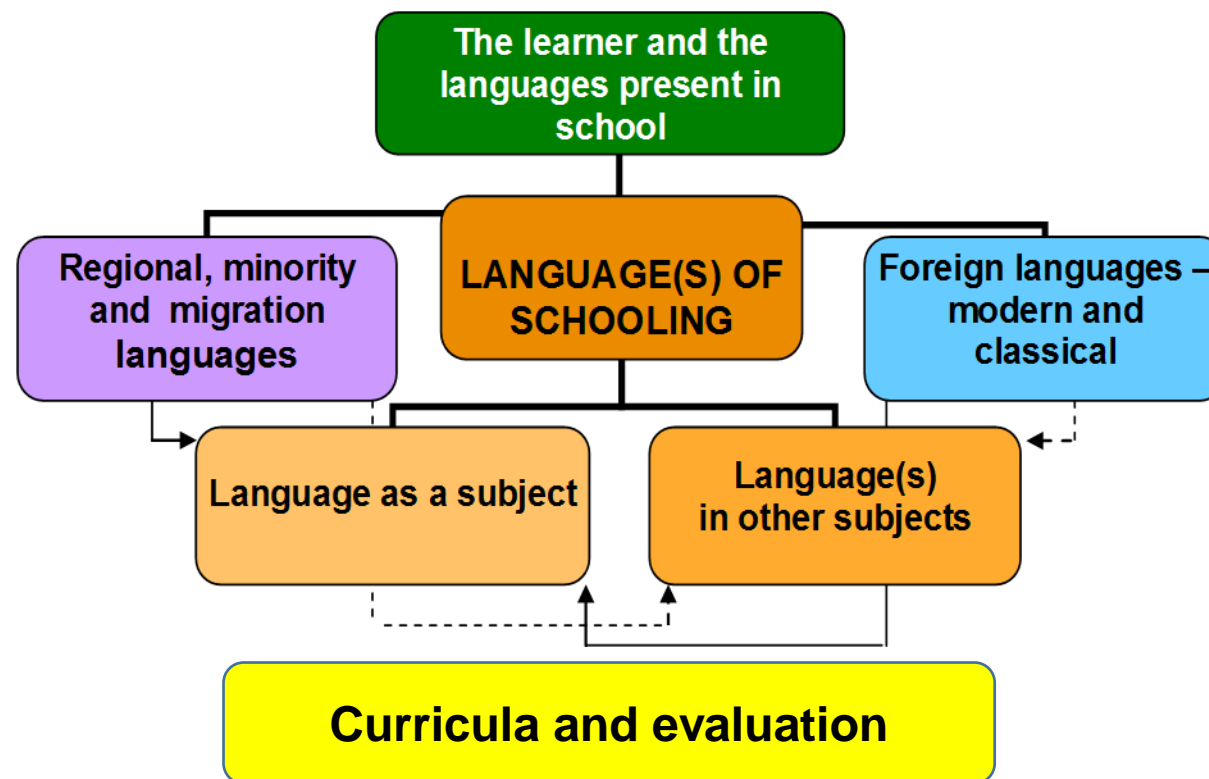
Do not get confused



Council of Europe ≠ European Council ≠ European Union



The Council of Europe and language education



ECML: who we are and what we do

An enlarged Partial Agreement

of the Council of Europe with 33 member states; founded in Graz, Austria in 1994

Mission

innovation in language learning and teaching; implementation of effective language education policies

Key target groups

decision-makers and language professionals (teachers, teacher educators, inspectors etc.)

4 year programmes

of international projects and bilateral training and consultancy

Our vision

A Europe committed to linguistic and cultural diversity, where the key role of quality language education in achieving intercultural dialogue, democratic citizenship and social cohesion is recognised and supported.



ECML programmes: working at the interface of policy, research and practice

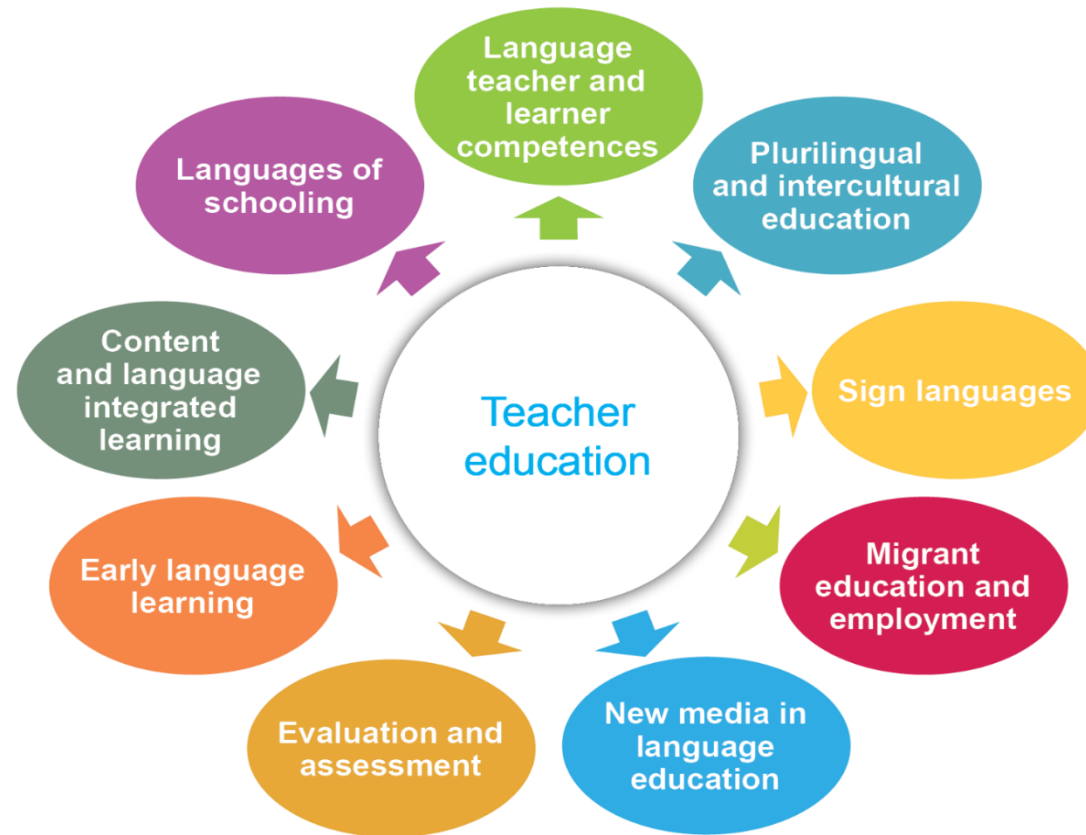


ECML: innovation through development projects

- Teacher competences for pluralistic approaches
- Language learning pathways for young children
- CLIL across educational stages in languages other than English
- Digital citizenship through language education
- Assessing young migrants' family languages
- Linguistic mediation in the foreign language classroom
- The CEFR Companion Volume – an implementation toolkit
- Neighbouring languages in vocational education
- Transversal competences through languages at secondary level



ECML thematic areas



Sample ECML resources: evaluation and assessment



Assessment of young learner literacy linked to the CEFR (AYLLIT)



Pathways: encouraging the culture of evaluation among professionals



CEFR – level estimation grid for teachers (CEFESTIM)



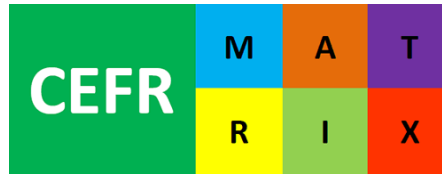
Guidelines for task-based university language testing (GULT)



Sample ECML resources: evaluation and assessment

PROSIGN

[European Language Portfolio for International Sign](#)



[A quality-assurance matrix for CEFR use](#)

language descriptors

[CEFR-linked descriptors for maths and history/civics](#)



ECML: implementation through training and consultancy



Targeted, tailored support to address national challenges

- Supporting Multilingual Classrooms*
- Testing and Assessment (RELANG)*
- Plurilingual and intercultural approaches
- Quality education in Romani for Europe
- Teacher competences for languages in education
- Language for work
- CLIL and beyond: pluriliteracies for deeper learning
- Using ICT in support of language teaching and learning
- Action research communities for language teachers
- Language of schooling/language in subjects (2 offers)
- Learning environments where languages flourish



* in cooperation with the European Commission



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