



Language associations and collaborative support (LACS)
Associations linguistiques et soutien coopératif
Sprachenverbände und Stärkung ihrer gegenseitigen Zusammenarbeit

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Project website: <http://lacs.ecml.at/>

Aim

Dissemination of ECML publications through the networks of language teacher associations.

Abstract

The project will focus on dissemination of the work of the ECML to those national multilingual and international monolingual teacher associations which are members of FIPLV. Its primary purpose is to facilitate greater collaboration between the associations and with the ECML in order better to support language professionals across Europe through more effective dissemination of new language pedagogies, including teaching and learning methodologies as well as language policies and curricular models appropriate to the 21st century. In order to do so, the project will map the ways in which a wide range of language associations are organised (nationally, regionally and locally), and how they support their own networks of members through practical interventions (workshops, publications, newsletters, websites and web fora etc) as well as through opportunities to have an impact on policy reform (both within their own institutions as well as locally and nationally) towards the development of a vibrant, high quality and inclusive environment in which multilingualism can flourish. In disseminating the work of the ECML, it will explore not only the content of the projects, but also ways of enhancing the process of dissemination itself in order to enable larger numbers of teachers in all sectors to benefit from them.

Expected results

- dissemination of ECML projects through FIPLV networks (websites etc);
- analysis of the ways in which language teacher associations are organised in order to support the professional development of teachers, with a view to sharing effective dissemination methods;
- publication of a manual for language teacher associations on evaluating and developing their support for language teaching and learning;
- specific activities to disseminate ECML projects to teachers and other language professionals across Europe, including web-based communities;
- evaluation of the dissemination processes developed by member associations.

Targeted sector: all educational sectors

