



Piloting and implementing the European Portfolio for Student Teachers of Languages (EPOSTL 2)

Pilotierung und Implementierung des Europäischen Portfolios für Sprachlehrende in Ausbildung

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Aim

This project will work on supplementing the EPOSTL* with examples of good practice and an information pack for stakeholders.

Abstract

The European Portfolio for Student Teachers of Languages (EPOSTL) was produced by a team of six authors in a project run within the ECML's second medium-term programme. The EPOSTL, a document intended for students undergoing their initial teacher education, is designed to encourage them to reflect on the didactic knowledge and skills necessary to teach languages. It helps them to assess their own didactic competences and enables them to monitor their progress and to record their experiences of teaching during the course of their teacher education.

In the current programme, this follow-up project will follow a modular structure, focusing on four principle areas: building up a network structure for dissemination; structured piloting of the EPOSTL in teacher-education institutes; compilation of case studies of how the EPOSTL can be implemented; modes of using the EPOSTL for curriculum development in teacher education. In addition, activities held in connection with the EPOSTL will be monitored and documented.

It is intended to continue cooperation with Southampton University where one of the key reference documents of this project has been developed on behalf of the European Commission (*European Profile for Language Teacher Education – a Frame of Reference*).

Expected results

Two products are envisaged. First, an information pack on the EPOSTL, intended for stakeholders, including a qualitative report on the piloting of the EPOSTL will be produced. The main product will be a publication containing examples of good practice related to the EPOSTL as well as the main findings of the related research projects which are to be set up.

Targeted sector: teacher education

* Publication available as free download at: www.ecml.at/epostl

