



As language is at the root of all learning, there can be no quality education without quality language and intercultural education. All teachers, at all levels, whatever subject they teach, have an important part to play in building their learners' linguistic and intercultural repertoires. This is why the ECML's new programme is entitled:

## “Languages at the heart of learning”

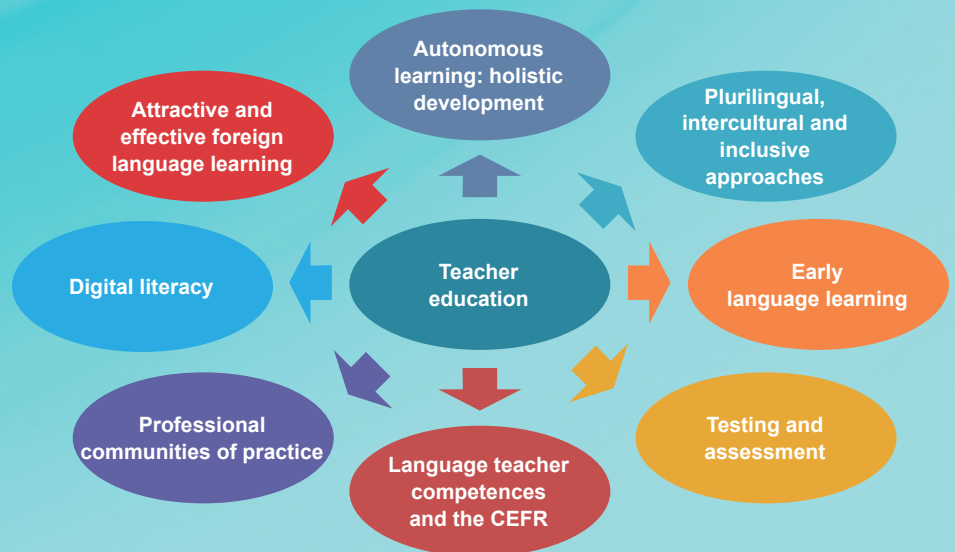


## Programme overview

The programme consists of two strands: development and mediation. The development strand focuses on creating new solutions to the challenges identified by our member states, through projects and think tanks; through the mediation strand member states can adapt and implement existing ECML resources, access ECML expertise through training and consultancy and national support events, celebrate the European Day of Languages and take part in conferences, webinars and colloquia open to a wider public.

## Priorities in member states

“Languages at the heart of learning” responds directly to the priorities in language education in ECML member states. As this diagram shows, quality initial and in-service teacher education play a pivotal role in addressing these challenges.



## Promoting excellence in language education

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## Plurilingual, inclusive and intercultural approaches

### Projects

- Promoting excellence in sign language instruction
- Language for work: tools for professional development

### Training and consultancy

- Plurilingual and intercultural competences
- Supporting multilingual classrooms
- Quality education in Romani for Europe
- Quality assurance in language and citizenship courses
- Plurilingual and intercultural learning through mobility

### Activities for a wider public

- Conference on pluralistic approaches in teacher education

## Digital literacy

### Projects

- Digital literacy for the teaching and learning of languages

### Training and consultancy

- Use of ICT in support of language learning and teaching

## Early language learning

### Think tank

## Foreign language learning

### Projects

- Learning environments where modern languages flourish

### Training and consultancy

- A pluriliteracies approach to teaching for learning

## Testing and assessment

### Training and consultancy

- Relating language curricula, tests and examinations to the CEFR

### Activities for a wider public

- Colloquia on specific stages of linking language examinations to the CEFR

## Pathways for learning

### Think tank

### Training and consultancy

- Supporting local networks in using an electronic European Language Portfolio

## Professional learning communities

### Projects

- Action research communities for language teachers

### Activities for a wider public

- Professional Network Forum
- Webinars

## Language(s) of schooling

### Think tank

### Projects

- Developing language awareness in subject classes

### Training and consultancy

- Supporting multilingual classrooms

## Teacher development

### Projects

- Towards a CEFR for language teachers
- A quality assurance matrix for CEFR use

### Training and consultancy

- Using the European Portfolio for Student Teachers of Languages



European Day of Languages

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