

Participant's report

to the National Nominating Authority and the National Contact Point

Meeting report

In the three weeks after the event, please complete this report. It contains two sections:

1. **Reporting:** this is intended as a feedback on the event, on what was learnt, on how the event will affect your work and on how it will be disseminated. In addition to the ECML National Nominating Authority and the National Contact Point in your country the ECML will use the report¹ in the "Experts involved in ECML activities" section of each ECML member state website (please see <http://contactpoints.ecml.at>).

This section should be written in one of the project's working languages.

2. **Public information:** this is intended as an information on the ECML project and its expected value for your country. The content should be of interest for a larger audience. Thus it should link up to interesting publications, websites, events etc. which were discussed on the occasion of the workshop or which are relevant in your country. The public information should be a short, promotional text of about 200 words.

This section should be written in (one of) your national language(s).

The completed file should be sent to

- the ECML National Nominating Authority and the National Contact Point in your country (contact details can be found at <http://www.ecml.at/aboutus/members.asp>)
- and in copy to ECML Secretariat (Erika.komon@ecml.at)

within the given deadline.

1. Reporting

¹ Only if you authorised the ECML to publish your contact details.

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Title of ECML project	Developing migrants' language competences at the workplace (Language for Work)
ECML project website	http://www.ecml.at/I2/News/tabid/905/Default.aspx
Date of the event	June 24 th – 25 th 2015
Brief summary of the content of the workshop	<p>Presentation of the ECML, the LfW-project and the LIAM-website as well as of numerous interesting projects of the participants.</p> <p>Presentation and discussion of the policies in the different countries (Which policies exist? Who is responsible for supporting L2 learning? Which needs or problems exist? etc.).</p> <p>Workshops about practice and research from network members (e.g. about the role of authentic material for vocational language training; the interplay between vocational training and vocational language training; current situation and context for migrant workers)</p> <p>Perspectives and future development (What can we do to disseminate the project? How can we improve the website? etc.).</p>
What did you find particularly useful?	One the one hand, it was very useful to learn about the policies, projects, but also challenges of the other European countries. On the other hand, the composition of the group (researchers, teachers, course providers, members of the ministry of education etc.) was ideal to illuminate the topic from different aspects.
How will you use what you learnt/ developed in the event in your professional context?	The Caritas Academy is developing new concepts for (work-related) L2-courses and projects. That is why the policies and concepts of the other countries are interesting for us to reflect and improve our own concepts.
How will you further contribute to the project?	By disseminating information about the project and also by sharing information and new findings that can be of interest.
How do you plan to disseminate the project?	<p>I will prepare a presentation to inform my colleagues and our project manager at Caritas Academy about the ECML, the Language for Work-project in general as well as the most interesting policies and projects from the workshop I attended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to colleagues - to a professional

- association
- in a professional journal/website
- in a newspaper
- other

1. Public information

Short text (about 200 words) for the promotion of the ECML event, the project and the envisaged publication with a focus on the benefits for target groups. This text should be provided in your national language(s) to be used for dissemination (on websites, for journals etc.).

Das 2012 ins Leben gerufene Projekt *Language for Work* vernetzt Berufsgruppen wie beispielsweise ForscherInnen, Unterrichtende, KursanbieterInnen und politische EntscheidungsträgerInnen, die daran interessiert sind, MigrantInnen bzw. Minderheiten die für die Arbeit nötigen Kenntnisse der Landessprache zu vermitteln. Dass dieses Thema äußerst wichtig ist, steht außer Frage, da Sprache zweifellos der Schlüssel zu einer erfolgreichen Integration ist. Darüber hinaus bietet eine so vielfältige Zusammensetzung der Arbeitsgruppe eine einzigartige Möglichkeit des Erfahrungsaustausches und ist ideal, um das Thema aus verschiedenen Blickwinkeln zu betrachten.

Im Juni 2015 diskutierten im Rahmen des Projekts 43 VertreterInnen aus 31 europäischen Ländern beim Workshop „Developing migrants’ language competences at the workplace“ die aktuelle Situation und die Herausforderungen in den einzelnen europäischen Ländern. Außerdem wurden Projekte und die neuesten Forschungsergebnisse präsentiert, was zum Nachdenken über die Entwicklungen im eigenen Land anregte. Ziel des Projekts ist es nicht nur, ein europaweites Netzwerk von in diesem Bereich tätigen ExpertInnen zu schaffen, sondern auch eine Webseite, auf der relevante Materialien sowie interessante Informationen ausgetauscht werden können. Auf diese Weise können die ExpertInnen der europäischen Länder von den Erfahrungen der anderen profitieren.

Nähere Informationen zum Projekt *Language for Work* sind auf der Seite <http://www.ecml.at/12/tabid/891/language/en-GB/Default> zu finden, Details zum Workshop im Juni sind auf der Seite <http://www.ecml.at/12/News/tabid/905/Default.aspx> nachzulesen. Material und Forschungsergebnisse können auf der Seite <http://languageforwork.ecml.at/> ausgetauscht werden.