

European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML) Graz, Austria
established in 1994 as a Centre to promote language education in Europe.



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'...understanding one another is a prerequisite for living together harmoniously...'

Background: the Dynamics

'...There were two main dynamics behind the events which led to the establishment of the ECML... The Modern Language programme continued to be under-funded. There was a pressing need for a longer-term dedicated structure. And then there was the fall of the Iron Curtain, which led to a changed situation in terms of education and particularly in the focus of language teaching in Europe. Suddenly, the possibilities for co-operation between formerly isolated neighbouring countries were concrete, abundant and feasible. Inspired by the strategical geographical situation in which it found itself, Austria was the first to put forward the proposal of hosting a permanent European language centre...'



Das Land, Steiermark

So the ECML came to be hosted in the scenic Austrian city of Graz, where all the Council of Europe Member State participants in ECML programmes always receive a warm welcome.

The mission of the ECML is to encourage excellence and innovation in language teaching. The ECML is able to act as a catalyst for reform in the teaching and learning of languages. Central to the Centre's activities are international projects. Dealing with a variety of aspects of language education, these projects are organised for the Centre by international teams of experts. They are primarily targeted at teacher trainers, researchers and key multipliers in the language field.



The ECML current programme (2008-2011) has the overall theme of **Empowering Language Professionals** and has four main strands: **Competences, Networks, Impact and Quality**.

The International Learning and Research Centre is pleased to be able to continue its partnership with the ECML through the current programme.

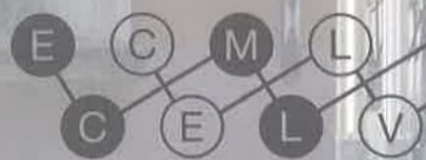
Quality Training at Grassroots Level is a two year project within the current programme which is promoting quality assurance practice in different national and regional contexts.

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