

# The documentation and resource centre of the ECML

## History

The ECML was created on the 8 April 1994 as an Enlarged Partial Agreement of the Council of Europe. Its documentation and resource centre was set up in 1995.

## Role

- To liaise with and play a co-ordinating role for ECML National Contact Points in member states;
- dissemination of project results;
- to provide access to ECML resources for professionals working on ECML projects as well as interested institutions and individuals;
- to respond to requests for information and documentation;
- in the context of ECML projects: documentary support, coordinating production and proofreading of publications.



## Users

- Participants in ECML activities;
- professionals in the field of language teaching and learning: teachers, teacher educators, inspectors, researchers, educationalists, textbook authors, curriculum developers, language policy experts, students...;
- educational structures: schools, universities, institutions, associations, resource centres, specialised libraries etc. working in the field of modern languages...



## Library collections

The centre holds some 7 200 documents and is organised into three collections :

### ▪ **Collection related to the ECML's research and development projects:**

Resources recommended by ECML project co-ordinators and publications resulting from project work. The latter may be downloaded free of charge at [www.ecml.at / Resources](http://www.ecml.at/ Resources)

Topics: plurilingual education, evaluation, content and language education, teacher training, language didactics, languages for specific purposes, language skills, (applied) linguistics, language learning media, methodology, language research, language learning strategies, intercultural communication, teaching resources.

### ▪ **Collection of publications from the Language Policy Division of the Council of Europe:**

Validated *European Language Portfolios*, copies of the *Common European Framework of Reference* in different languages, studies and publications.

### ▪ **John L.M. Trim Collection:**

Donation of a personal collection of books and documents covering the following areas: the work of the Language Policy Division of the Council of Europe conducted between 1971 and 1997 (congress proceedings, studies, Threshold Level, workshop reports), European co-operation, teacher training, linguistics, psychology, psycholinguistics, sociology, sociolinguistics, translation, language education, foreign language teaching, learner-oriented teaching, the language teacher, language learning, language for specific purposes, language education and technology, teaching resources.



## Services

- Information and documentation service;
- distribution of ECML publications and CD-ROMs;
- documentary support for ECML projects;
- public access reference library;
- loan service for experts involved in ECML projects and Council of Europe staff members;
- co-ordination of the 'ECML project travelling exhibition': loan of project displays and distribution of project results;
- personal welcome for users and visiting groups;
- bibliographical research in the archives of the ECML and the Council of Europe.

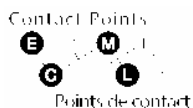
## ECML online catalogue

The online catalogue provides bibliographical notes on the works in the ECML's documentation and resource centre.

- Catalogue access : <http://www.ecml.at/doccentre/doccentre.asp?t=ca>  
[t](http://www.ecml.at/doccentre/doccentre.asp?t=ca)

*The European Gazette*  
*Language*

**The European Language Gazette**, the ECML's newsletter, provides up-to-date news about ECML events, projects and resources as well as developments in the Language Policy Division and other relevant sectors of the Council of Europe. <http://www.ecml.at/doccentre/doccentre.asp?t=gazette&l=E>



## The National Contact Points of the ECML

Throughout each of the 33 member states of the ECML's Enlarged Partial Agreement, the National Contact Points promote the activities of the Centre and disseminate its project results at a national level.

<http://www.ecml.at/aboutus/members.asp>



## The Council of Europe's language websites

European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML)  
[www.ecml.at](http://www.ecml.at)

Council of Europe  
[www.coe.int](http://www.coe.int)

Language Policy Division  
<http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/Linguistic/>

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment (CEFR)  
[http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/CADRE\\_EN.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/CADRE_EN.asp)

European Language Portfolio (ELP)  
[http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/Portfolio\\_EN.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/Portfolio_EN.asp)

European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages  
[http://www.coe.int/T/E/Legal\\_Affairs/Local\\_and\\_regional\\_Democracy/Regional\\_or\\_Minority\\_languages/](http://www.coe.int/T/E/Legal_Affairs/Local_and_regional_Democracy/Regional_or_Minority_languages/)



## Access

### Individuals and groups

Access to the documentation and resource centre is public.

Group visits (professionals, students etc.) should be arranged in advance. A visit to the documentation and resource centre can form part of a general visit to the ECML.

### Opening hours

Monday to Friday

- from 9.00am to 12.00; and
- from 2.00pm to 5.00 pm.

Other opening times can be arranged on request.

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