

## 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.

### Rôle

- 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, dissemination of project results, especially through working with National Contact Points.



### Users

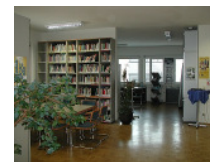
- Participants in ECML activities;
- professionals in the field of language teaching and learning: teachers, teacher educators, inspectors, researchers, educationalists, textbook authors, curriculum developers, language policy experts, students...;
- educational structures: schools, universities, institutions, 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 project co-ordinators and publications resulting from project work.  
Topics: reference works, European cooperation, education, the language teacher, teacher training, language study, languages for specific purpose, specific languages, language skills, (applied) linguistics, language learning media, methodology, language research, teaching resources, language learning strategies, intercultural communication.
- **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.



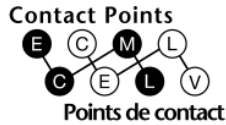
### Services

- Public access reference library;
- personal welcome for users and visiting groups;
- information and documentation service;
- distribution of ECML publications and CD-ROMs;
- bibliographical research in the archives of the ECML and the Council of Europe;
- documentary support for ECML projects;
- loan service for experts involved in ECML projects and Council of Europe staff members.



### ECML online catalogue (Webcat)

- Webcat contains the archives of all Council of Europe libraries since 1989.
- Catalogue access :  
<http://www.ecml.at/doccentre/doccentre.asp?t=cat>



## The 33 National Contact Points of the ECML in Europe

Throughout each of the 33 member states of the ECML's Enlarged Partial Agreement, the National Contact Point promotes the activities of the Centre and disseminates 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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A reference service in the field of teaching and learning modern languages in Europe

