# European Language Label 2022 – Award Principles and Thematic Priorities

Your application for the European Language Label (ELL) will be assessed based on three Award Principles:

1. **Thematic priorities**
2. **Comprehensive and creative approach**
3. **Impact and dissemination.**

In Ireland, the 2022 Call for the ELL has the following **thematic priorities**:

1. Enhance language learning through Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and digital media
2. Language learning and promotion of equity, social cohesion and active citizenship
3. Professional development of language teachers
4. supporting the teaching and learning of Irish.

The assessment of criteria for **comprehensive and creative approach** is based on the extent to which:

* All elements involved – learners, teachers, methods and materials – contribute to ensuring that the needs of the learners are identified and met, including validation of language skills.
* Creative use is being made of all resources available to stimulate language learning from an early age.
* The implemented initiatives explore previously unknown approaches, appropriate to the learners concerned.
* The implemented initiatives are based upon the reality of the European Union and its linguistic diversity and use the potential which that offers (for example, contacts across national borders, language learning between the neighbouring countries, developing bilingual teaching options, and so on) to improve understanding of other cultures by means of language learning.

The assessment of criteria for **impact and dissemination** is based on the extent to which the project results have the potential to:

* Increase the motivation of learners and teachers and help develop positive attitudes towards linguistic diversity.
* Represent a source of inspiration for others in different countries and contexts, or be transferred to other groups or fields. They might, for example, be adaptable to the learning of other languages or to learning by different age groups than those originally involved. It could also include digital online tools for language learning.
* Lead to a quantitative or qualitative improvement in the teaching and learning of languages in its local or national context. In quantitative terms, this might mean involving several languages, and particularly those which are less widely used. In qualitative terms, it might mean the use of a better methodology than before.

# Application Procedure

To apply for the 2022 ELL Award, you must complete the online application form, available in both English and Irish. The deadline for submitting the application form is **1 June 2022**. The application form is broken in four sections:

Section 1: Applicant contact details

Section 2: Project overview and inspiration

Section 3: Connection to Award principles

In this section, you are invited to share with us how your project corresponds to the Award principles:

1. Thematic priorities
2. Comprehensive and creative approach
3. Impact and dissemination

Section 4: Source of application, sending additional information and declaration

# Entry Criteria

1. The ELL Awards are open to every level of education and training (Early Childhood, School Education, Youth, Adult, Community, Vocational, and Higher Education). Formal and non-formal, informal, accredited and non-accredited learning initiatives may enter the competition.
2. Projects should not have ended more than 12 months prior to the competition entry deadline, 1 June 2022.
3. Applications for the ELL will be assessed based on the three Award Principles outlined in the ‘Award Principles and Thematic Priorities’ section above.

# Selection of Winners

A shortlist will be created based on the entry criteria above by a panel internal to Léargas. The final selection of winning projects will be signed off by a panel of adjudicators external to Léargas.

# Prizes

All winners will be presented with a ELL trophy and Certificate.

# Terms and Conditions

You must submit the ELL online application form available on the Léargas website by 1 June 2022.

You will receive an acknowledgment of your application.

Winning projects will be notified by 1 September 2022.

Unsuccessful applicants will be informed by 6 September 2022.

Representatives of winning projects are expected to attend the Léargas Innovative Learning Awards ceremony on 10 November 2022.