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| **Inspiring Innovation in European Language Teacher Education**  **Summer Academy for teacher educators working in the field of languages**  Description for National Nominating Authorities (ECML member states)/National representatives (EU, non-ECML member states) |

**Venue**: ECML, Graz, Austria

**Dates**: 4-8 July 2022

**Participants**: 20 participants, to be nominated by the national nominating authorities of ECML member states and/or European Union.

**Working languages**: English and French. Participants should have at least C1 proficiency in one of these languages. Simultaneous interpretation between these languages will be available.

**Deadline for nomination: 12 May 2022**

The ECML is pleased to announce that it will hold a one-week Summer Academy for teacher educators working in the field of languages. It will take place from **4-8 July 2022** in Graz.

**Aims and content:**

The key aim of the Summer Academy is the upskilling of teacher educators working in this field, so that they, in turn, can support the professional development of teachers to respond to the complex linguistic needs of today’s learners.

Focussing on developments at the cutting edge of language education as reflected in the ECML [thematic areas](https://www.ecml.at/Thematicareas/Thematicareas-Overview/tabid/1763/language/en-GB/Default.aspx), and drawing on input from experienced teacher educators and internationally renowned experts, the programme will provide participants with opportunities to pool their expertise with colleagues from across Europe and to reflect on and re-think their own modes of teacher education from a transnational perspective.

The Summer Academy will focus on current issues in language-related teacher education and on topics relating to the principles of the Council of Europe and European Commission language policies.

**Nominations**

The call for nominations for the Summer Academy will be open from Monday, 28 March until Monday 16 May. This extended period is to allow NNAs/national representatives time to identify a potential participant AND to send that person the application form. The nominee must complete and return the application form to the NNA/national representative, who will then send it to the ECML by 16 May.

Please note due to current health restrictions, participation will be strictly limited to a **maximum of 20** persons. **This means that not all ECML-EU member states will be successful in having their nomination accepted. Instead, the received nominations (together with the completed questionnaires) will be subject to a selection process.** Nominations which are not accompanied by a completed application form will automatically be dismissed. Please note that we cannot accept application forms received directly from nominees.

**Selection process**

Selection will be made primarily on the basis of applicants’ professional backgrounds. The selection process will seek to ensure an equitable geographical distribution of the places available, and a good mix in terms of career stage.

Applicants will be informed regarding the status of their application by **Wednesday June 8, 2022,** and those selected will be asked to confirm their attendance. A reserve list will also be established.

**Participation costs**

Participation at the summer academy is free of charge. Travel costs will be covered by the ECML, but **participants will need to cover their own accommodation costs** and will be expected to stay for the duration of the course. Pre-booked hotel accommodation close to the location of the summer academy can be made available upon request.

Where applicable, participants are encouraged to contact their Erasmus + national agency to apply for funding. <https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/contact/national-agencies_en>

**Participant profile**

Nominees should fulfil at least one of the professional roles indicated in the participant profile, and should be in active employment in one of the EU/ECML member states (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the additional member states of the ECML: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Norway, North Macedonia, Serbia and Switzerland).

Applicants should be residents of [member states of the European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML)](https://www.ecml.at/Aboutus/ECMLMemberStates/tabid/149/Default.aspx) and/or the European Union.

Participants at the Summer Academy will be teacher educators working in the field of language education. The role(s) they play may include:

* higher education staff (lecturers, teacher trainers, etc.) involved in initial language-related teacher education
* supervisors of practice in schools; inspectors
* mentors who supervise prospective language teachers during the qualifying phase
* experienced teachers or higher education staff involved in in-service professional development activities in the field of language education
* teacher educators involved in language education research
* leaders of language teacher associations

Applicants may be experienced teacher educators or those who are in the early stages of their career. However, in all cases they should show a high degree of commitment to teacher education; for example, they are, or aspire to be, involved in innovative projects, action-research, reform processes, by carrying out a coordinating function etc. They should have the capacity or potential to disseminate the information and insights they gain at the Summer Academy and to initiate post-event measures that will feed into teacher education at an institutional and, preferably, regional or national level.