

## The Council of Europe and Language education

The Council of Europe's activities to promote plurilingualism, linguistic diversity and language learning in the field of education are carried out within the framework of the European Cultural Convention, (1954) ratified by 49 states.

The Language Policy Programme (Strasbourg) with the European Centre for Modern Languages (Enlarged Partial Agreement - [ECML](#) - Graz, Austria), both in the Education Department, and the European [Charter](#) for Regional or Minority Languages together provide a common approach within the framework of the Council of Europe for dealing with language issues.

### Language Policy Programme [www.coe.int/lang](http://www.coe.int/lang)

The Language Policy Programme which is managed in Strasbourg is responsible to all 47 member states for the development of policy and guidelines to promote linguistic diversity and plurilingualism, and of reference instruments for policy planning and standards. Co-operation programmes have been carried out for over six decades in an intergovernmental framework. They concern not only modern languages, but also languages of schooling and the integration of migrants.

More:

- [Review of language policy projects over the past six decades](#)
- [Fields of activities](#)

### Language Policy Programme : Projects / websites

- [www.coe.int/lang-platform](http://www.coe.int/lang-platform): Platform of resources and references for plurilingual and intercultural education
- [www.coe.int/lang-CEFR](http://www.coe.int/lang-CEFR): Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment (CEFR)
- [www.coe.int/portfolio](http://www.coe.int/portfolio): European Language Portfolio (ELP)
- [www.coe.int/lang-migrants](http://www.coe.int/lang-migrants): Linguistic Integration of Adult Migrants (LIAM)
- [www.coe.int/lang-refugees](http://www.coe.int/lang-refugees) (in 7 languages): Linguistic Support for Adult Refugees : a Council of Europe Toolkit
- [www.coe.int/lang-autobiography/fr](http://www.coe.int/lang-autobiography/fr): Autobiographie des rencontres interculturelles (site intersectoriel)
- [www.coe.int/lang-autobiography](http://www.coe.int/lang-autobiography): Autobiography of Intercultural Encounters (cross-sectoral activity)

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

The ECML is an Enlarged Partial Agreement of the Council of Europe created in 1994 in Graz, Austria, which has membership to date of 33 of the 47 Council of Europe member states. Its activities are complementary to those developed in Strasbourg: *"the Centre has as its mission the implementation of language policies and the promotion of innovative approaches to the learning and teaching of modern languages"* (Article 1 of its statute).