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## **Supporting Multilingual Classrooms II**

### *Language development of migrant pupils*

The National Institute for Education under the aegis of the European Centre for Modern Languages of the Council of Europe is arranging on 27 - 28 April 2017 an international seminar on the theme of multilingualism and language development of migrant pupils, which will be guided by foreign experts. The two-day seminar is intended for primary schools and the lower stage of multi-year general secondary schools, which are interested in the role of languages in school and in education of migrant pupils. The working languages of the seminar are English and German (the latter is not a prerequisite).

#### **What will you find out at the seminar?**

- How to support teachers' awareness about the role that language of schooling plays in order to promote educational success for all learners;
- A discussion and adaptation of good practices for teaching and learning in multilingual settings with Czech as language of schooling;
- How to promote a positive attitude to linguistic and cultural diversity;
- How to improve the quality of language teaching for all learners in multilingual classes while focusing on
  - How to get an insight view on the previous knowledge and resources of migrant pupils, (how to estimate the initial knowledge of migrant pupils)
  - How to support the language of schooling in multilingual settings,
  - How to deal with formative language assessment of migrant learners
  - How to observe the language progress of migrant learners ;

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- Effective learning tools, methods and approaches supporting multilingual classrooms as a part of the ECML projects.

### **Participants**

The seminar is designed to address small teams of 2-3 teachers from one school, ideally in this composition : classroom teacher, headmaster/headmistress of the school, Czech language assistant (from primary level – 1-5 Grade), Czech language teacher, headmaster/headmistress of the school, Czech language assistant (from primary level – 6-9 Grade, from lower stage of multi-year general secondary schools).

If there are any other possibilities or specific needs in certain schools, the suggested team composition could be adapted. Likewise if any explicit request made by a school, the participation of a single teacher could be negotiated in consultation with the headmaster/headmistress of the school and the organiser. In both cases please contact the organiser in advance.

If interested, it is possible to apply [here](#).

Participation in the seminar will be confirmed by the organiser and subsequently will be contacted to ensure the practical needs (accommodation, travel etc.)

This workshop is organised by the European Centre for Modern Languages of the Council of Europe (ECML), and is co-funded by the European Commission.

Participation in the seminar is free of charge. Travel, accommodation and refreshments are fully covered.

**Place:** Prague (TBA)

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