



## Consultant's annual report 2008

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<b>Thematic area</b>	Plurilingual Education
<b>Project title and acronym</b>	<b>Language Associations and Collaborative Support (LACS)</b> Medium-term project 2008-2011
<b>Give a brief summary of the year's activities.</b>	<p>The main purposes of the project are twofold – to promote dissemination of the work of the ECML through cooperation with teachers' associations, and at the same time to explore ways in which the associations can best cooperate and assimilate developments in language education. The project is being run in collaboration with FIPLV (Fédération Internationale des Professeurs de Langues Vivantes) and the joint activities were: an ECML Expert meeting (April 2008), meetings of the FIPLV Executive Committee and World Council (not funded by ECML) (April 2008), a presentation at the AILA World Congress (not funded by ECML) (August 2008), attendance at the ECML workshop for National Contact Points (September 2008).</p> <p>The activities concentrated on information gathering, through the preparation and distribution of a questionnaire for teachers' associations, which received some thirty responses, and raising awareness of the ECML with the associations.</p>
<b>What do you consider to be the main achievements of the year?</b>	The project is in its early stages – increased awareness has been achieved, especially through the AILA presentation, and the questionnaire has provided useful insights which can be built on.





<b>How effectively have the achievements been communicated (on the website and elsewhere)?</b>	See above – there is as yet very little on the website.
<b>Do you see opportunities for synergy with other projects in the strand?</b>	The purpose of the project is to identify and promote synergies between the work of the ECML and the activities of teachers' associations so the project will need to be fully aware of the achievements of present and past programmes.
<b>Evaluative comments</b>	The project is really in its preparatory stage and the work this year will clear the way, I hope, for building on this for the more substantive phases of development.
<b>Suggestions for the coordinator and the team</b>	Ensuring that the website is developed should be an early priority in 2009.

