



## Participant's report to National Nominating Authorities and National Contact Points on workshops

### 1. Reporting

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Title of ECML project	Language Associations and Collaborative Support
ECML project website	<a href="http://lacs.ecml.at/">http://lacs.ecml.at/</a>
Type of the event	Central workshop in Graz
Date of the event	10-11 December 2009
Brief summary of the content of the workshop	During this workshop participants were provided with information about the LACS project and encouraged to discuss how their respective associations can engage in disseminating the work of the ECML. The workshop consisted of a number of presentations on the LACS project, the ECML, the work of national contact points, and group discussions in which participants discussed a number of issues related to the objectives of the project.
What did you find particularly useful?	The opportunity to discuss language associations and their work with people coming from many European countries. I also appreciated the fact that I was given the opportunity of delivering two brief presentations about the issues discussed with fellow participants and of engaging in networking.
How will you use what you learnt/ developed in the event in your professional context?	The knowledge derived from this workshop will be useful to me as a member of a local language association because it will allow me inform my fellow members of the many ECML projects that they will certainly find useful in their work as language teachers and teacher trainers. Having had the opportunity of discussing the challenges that language associations are facing all over Europe I feel that I learnt a lot from other participants about how to tackle common issues and problems.



<p><b>How will you further contribute to the project?</b></p>	<p>I plan to write an article about my local association to be posted on the LACS website and to contribute other material that the team members should find useful when compiling the 'How to manual'.</p>
<p><b>How do you plan to disseminate the project?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To colleagues</li> <li>- To a professional association</li> <li>- In a professional journal/website</li> <li>- In a newspaper</li> <li>- Other</li> </ul>	<p>In March 2010 I plan to deliver a presentation at a seminar organised by my language association. During this presentation I shall outline the purpose of the LACS project as well as provide my colleagues and associaton members with information about the work of the ECML.</p>

**2. Informing the public**

**Text of about 200 words in your national language(s) to be used for dissemination (on websites, for journals etc.) with a focus on the benefits for target groups**

In December 2009 I attended a workshop based on an ECML project entitled Language Associations and Collaborative Support. The main purposes of this project are those of increasing the collaboration between language associations based in different countries, and disseminating the work of the ECML. By means of this project teachers and teacher educators will have access to cutting-edge language teaching and learning methodologies thanks to the dissemination of the work of the ECML by national multilingual and international monolingual associations. By providing language associations with an opportunity to interact and collaborate, the LACS project is also empowering teachers to hone their pedagogic skills even further. One of the objectives of the LACS project is that of mapping the ways in which language associations are organised and how they function in a national and international context, especially when it comes to influencing policy-making. The project hopes to come up with a manual that will assist language associations in their work. I attended this workshop because as a member of an English language association in Malta that in its turn forms part of an international association I wanted to learn more about how language associations in Europe and all over the world can collaborate in order to improve their practices and hence improve language learning and teaching. I am confident that my participation in this workshop has satisfied my expectations and the knowledge and skills derived will be of benefit not only to me but also to my fellow association members.