

CMC_E - Communicating in Multilingual Contexts meets the Enterprises: Awareness and development of academic and professional language skills for mobility students
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DESCRIPTION:	Multilingualism is a key feature of Europe and the benefits of knowing foreign languages is unquestionable. Language skills not only facilitate studying, travelling, and working around the world, allowing intercultural communication and integration, but they are also an asset in meeting the new economic challenges of the European Union. In order to better promote multilingualism, the education and professional systems in each country need to play an important role. The CMC_E project will provide a virtual learning environment (VLE) offering learning materials based on the Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) approach in seven different languages (Dutch, English, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Slovak, and Spanish) specifically aimed at developing and reinforcing academic language skills required in trans-national higher education contexts. This will help meet the needs of mobility students who are required to use essential academic language skills in new higher education contexts, but who are not always appropriately trained to do so prior to their study abroad scheme. The materials will be developed by a partnership of six university institutions located in England, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, and Spain working together with an enterprise located in Italy. In fact, the project will also offer materials designed to support the development of professional language skills considered necessary by the labour market. This will be based on the needs analysis carried out among enterprises, social enterprises, and local institutions in the territorial area in which each partner is located in order to identify the key professional language skills required by employers. Moreover, by offering learning materials in English, Spanish and in less used and less taught languages such as Dutch, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, and Slovak, the CMC_E learning environment will help promote linguistic and cultural diversity, thus fostering learners' awareness of how linguistic diversity stems from the contact of less used and widely used languages, and encouraging knowledge of the culture of other countries among university leavers and in-service workers. Indeed, CMC_E wishes to promote, through its innovative framework and activities, an intercultural dialogue with the hope of helping to develop the concept of EU citizenship and spread a feeling of belonging to Europe among the younger generations. The VLE will be easily accessible and will offer flexibility to carry out the work where and when users wish, providing access to and participation in lifelong learning, developing learning-to-learn skills, and facilitating new technological skills in the learning society.
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