



Dear colleagues,

You hereby receive this year's first newsletter from ECML Contact Point Denmark. 2017 promises to be a dynamic year with many different activities and with a strengthened focus on collaboration with the Danish language environment. We will also continue our collaboration with language teachers' associations and organizations, and the Contact Point plan to attend various meetings and conferences.

### Language Conference 2017



ECML Contact Point Denmark will host the fourth national Language Conference Sprog på Kryds og Tværs on 25th of September 2017 at Dokk1, Aarhus, the European Capital of Culture 2017. The title of this year's Conference is '**Language, Culture and Working Life. Rethink Language and (Inter)cultural Competences in Education and at the Workplace**'. This year's keynote-speaker will be **Jo Angouri** (University of Warwick, UK & University of Aalto, in Finland).

The day will offer a keynote on *Language at Work*, after

which representatives of the education system and the business community will provide brief presentations based on their own experience, both about needs and existing teaching methods and new ways of thinking about the acquisition of linguistic and cultural competences.

The afternoon will offer roundtables, where everyone will get the opportunity to participate in discussions on the morning's presentations and on how to contribute to an education system that relates to the linguistic and cultural diversity that future employees should be able to work with.

We will continue the tradition with The European Language Label. The prize is awarded each year to innovative projects or to people that have contributed to the development of foreign language teaching.

You are welcome to follow our website or the Ministry's website to find out which themes have been selected this year, but also to consider applying yourself for the award.

## The European Day of Languages on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September 2017

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I invite you to visit [the Danish website](#) or [the joint European website](#), where you will find inspiration for celebrating the European Day of Languages. Along with teaching resources and language competitions at European level, on the website you can also order promotional material from the ECML Contact Point Denmark.

Remember to register your event [here](#) and take part in the competition for the most innovative event celebrating The European Day of Languages.

## Workshops in Graz, Austria

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The ECML in Graz has already held 2 workshops in 2017:

- [Promoting excellence in sign language instruction / Promouvoir l'excellence dans l'instruction en langue des signes](#), 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 and
- One workshop for all National Contact Points and National Nominating Authorities in Europe, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017, where I was a co-organizer and co-moderator. Read more about the Danish participants and their experience [here](#).

Three upcoming workshops have already been planned:

- June 2017 - Network Meeting [Language for Work II - Tools for Professional Development](#)
- October 2017 - [Digital literacy for the teaching and learning of languages](#)
- October 2017 - [Developing language awareness in subject classes](#)

If you want to attend one of the workshops, please contact me. Registration for the next workshop [The digital literacy for the teaching and learning of languages](#) is open, the application deadline is 30<sup>th</sup> June. Read more and fill out the form [here](#).

## ECML Training and consultancy

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An event about 'Plurilingual and intercultural learning through mobility (PluriMobil)' will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017. If you are interested in participating, you are welcome to contact us!

Our next newsletter (nr. 2/2017) will have all the relevant information regarding this particular event.

In 2017, Danish language professionals also have the opportunity to apply for **free** ECML training and consultancy events and initiatives. Possible topics are *migration and language education, plurilingual education, new media in language education, evaluation and assessment*.

If you have an idea, you can read more about this opportunity [here](#) and contact me about it.

## ECML Contact Point Denmark – Events

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ECML Contact Point Denmark continues with various events in the Danish language environment. You can keep up with our [activities](#) on ecml.dk.

If you wish the ECML Contact Point Denmark to come and visit your institution; if you want to learn more about ECML's publications or use them in your teaching or if you wish to have a professional consultation, contact me and we will organize an event that fits the specific context – at universities, university colleges or elsewhere.

## Skolemessen 2017, Aarhus Scandinavian Congress Center

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ECML Contact Point Denmark was present at Skolemessen for the first time this year. It was held at the Scandinavian Congress Center, in Aarhus from the 26th to the 27th of April 2017. It was a great success and many showed their interest in our institution, the projects and especially the teaching materials.

## New 'Language teaching network'-button on our website

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You can now access a new button on our website called '[Language teaching network](#)' (still under construction).

I encourage you to add '[ECML Contact Point Denmark](#)' to your own websites if possible, so that other institutions can find us through your network.

## Focus on...

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In this section in every newsletter, we inform you about an ECML project, publication or network. This time we will focus on '**The Language for Work**'.

Europe offers a rich diversity of work-related language learning opportunities for adult migrants and ethnic minorities. **The Language for Work (LFW) Network** enables professionals working in this field to benefit from

this diversity.

The LfW Network is a not-for-profit membership organisation that works on a voluntary basis to:

- Raise awareness and promote work-related language learning for adult migrants and ethnic minorities at national and European levels
- Enable all working in this field to share expertise and resources
- Provide networking and professional development opportunities
- Support the development of theoretical/conceptual models, practice models, and quality frameworks.

In this regard, ECML has planned three projects for 2017:

- ECML support for the LfW field dates back to 2000 and the project Odysseus-Second Language at the Workplace. You can find the publication on our website [ecml.dk](http://ecml.dk).
- The LfW network and this website were created by the ECML project Developing migrants' language competences at the workplace (2012-2015).
- Currently ECML is supporting the project Tools for professional development (2016-2018). Have a look at the video [here](#).

Don't forget to check our [Facebook](#) or [LinkedIn](#) pages regularly for new information.

Best wishes,

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