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ECML support

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Which support is offered by the ECML?

If you are not so familiar with the ECML, the type of support provided may be quite different to what you have experienced with other institutions. The ECML provides support during all stages of the life of a project. The idea being to create an environment and conditions in which a project can develop and flourish and where you, as the project coordinator do not have to deal with budgeting and administration and can devote your time and energy into focusing on content matter.

How does this work in practice?

➤ **Project logistics, administration and financing covered by ECML**

When a project is accepted within the ECML programme, all the meetings within its action plan are organised in terms of logistics by the ECML secretariat. This means that the ECML:

- invites the participants to the different activity type
- hosts the event in its premises in Graz
- reimburses travel and subsistence expenses of the invited participants.

All financial matters are managed by the ECML rather than by the project team. Team members receive an 'annual coordination fee'. This acts as a recognition of the hard work invested by teams. The fee amounts to 4,500 EUR each year to be split among the 4 team members.

➤ **Access to expertise and networks in 33 member states and beyond**

We have referred earlier in the presentation to the unique context of the ECML - which is a pan European organisation with 33 member states. In a project, the team has privileged access to these countries:

- a participant with expertise in the theme of the project is nominated for a workshop by the member states.
- also projects have access to the network of ECML National Contact Points, who play a vital role in the take up and promotion of the project results and their possible translation into national languages.

By working with the ECML, you have access to a huge range of both national and international networks. This has obvious advantages for running surveys, or in piloting tools in different contexts, as well as, of course, reaching as wide an audience as possible.

➤ **Advice and support services at all stages of the project**

At all stages of a project's lifetime both advice and practical support is available. This takes the form of:

- project management advice from the ECML secretariat which has been involved in the design and running of over 100 projects
- getting systematic feedback on your project through a well-developed evaluation system
- benefitting from a programme consultant experienced in international language education projects - who can act as a sounding board for your ideas so that you can achieve the best possible results from a truly intercultural project

The ECML web and social media platforms, as well as the ECML newsletter, also provide excellent channels to promote your project and, ultimately, its results.

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➤ **Technical and design support to turn your ideas into online resource**

Each project has web pages or a site which are designed and hosted by the Centre. These are developed over the course of its lifetime according to your team's requirements.

We have developed substantial knowledge and expertise related to designing online resources and tools according to the specific focus and target groups of a project - turning your ideas into effective, practical web-based solutions. In practical terms we also provide concrete assistance with translation and proofreading of the project outputs/results.

➤ **A helping pair of hands**

Your project can also benefit from a fellowship - a young university graduate who works full-time for 3 months at the ECML on a specific aspect within your action plan – for example on:

- the development of an online tool
- compiling case studies, carrying out desktop research related to the theme of the project
- organising a survey, or assisting in populating a website

➤ **A possible 'after life' to the project**

By the end of the project, of course you may have had enough! However perhaps the results you have developed lend themselves to further exploitation and being passed on to a wider audience within a particular country through national training and consultancy activities.

This might be quite a challenge for the future - to see if what you have developed can be successfully adapted to work in very different educational contexts.

There are certainly plenty of challenges involved in coordinating an ECML project but we will do our utmost to ensure that working in the next ECML programme is both a successful and rewarding experience!