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### **Council of Europe Threshold for schools, Nuffield Syllabuses** **Archive box no. 21.36** 67 documents

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## 1. Records description

The 67 documents contained in this box relate to the work of the following committees, councils and divisions of the Council of Europe: Comité de l'enseignement général et technique, Committee for General and Technical Education, Committee for out-of-school education and cultural development, Directory of Education, Cultural and Scientific Affairs, Division de l'Éducation Extra-Scolaire, Secretariat General.

This collection of papers deals with the following topics:

- consultations in Scandinavia: Threshold-level for schools;
- content syllabuses for General Certificate of Education Ordinary level (GCE O-level examinations) in French, German, Russian and Spanish;
- General Certificate of Education Ordinary level (GCE O-Level) for French and German;
- modern languages in adult education;
- modern languages teaching and learning;
- proposal for organisation, content, curricula, methods of teaching and evaluation procedures of the future secondary school system in Norway;
- teaching of modern languages (English, French, German) to less-able pupils in secondary schools;
- threshold Level for foreign language learning in compulsory education and school-education.

## 2. Keywords

assessment

case studies

*cities*

Copenhagen

Oslo

Stockholm

*countries/regions*

England

France

Norway

Switzerland

dictation

diploma for pupils

education adult compulsory primary school

foreign language learning

General Certificate of Education Ordinary level (GCE O-Level)

French

German

Russian

Spanish

German Course

German Threshold Level

grammatical structures

International Federation of Secondary Teachers

isolated self-learners

language oriented objectives

*Languages*

English

French

German

Norwegian

Russian

Spanish

learner oriented objectives

less-able pupils

Niveau Seuil

oral production

oral tests

personal letter-writing

pilot projects

productive skills (speaking and writing)

reading comprehension

receptive skills (listening, reading)

sentence patterns

short term objectives

social and interpersonal language uses

structures list

syllabus for Vorwärts

teaching materials

teaching objectives

Threshold Level

unit/credit system

vocabulary list

Waystage objective

World Confederation of Organisations of the Teaching Profession

### **3. Topics**

- Consultations in Scandinavia: Threshold-level for schools
- Content syllabuses for General Certificate of Education Ordinary level (GCE O-level examinations) in French, German, Russian and Spanish
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- Threshold Level for foreign language learning in compulsory education and school-education

## 4. Time periods

1970  
1974  
1975  
1976  
1977  
1996  
1997

## 5. Events

Events	Organisation (other than by Council of Europe)	Venue	Date
Meeting of experts on modern language learning and teaching		Strasbourg	3-4 December 1974
Tripartite Working Party Meeting - Burgundy, Hertfordshire, Rheinland Pfalz		Brussels	25-27 April 1975
Third meeting of the Co-ordinating Group for Secondary Education		Strasbourg	5-6 June 1975
HMI Conference	University of Nottingham		24-25 September 1975
Meeting of the "Threshold level" sub-group		Strasbourg	18-19 February 1976
Meeting of experts on the extension of the Threshold Level to school education		Strasbourg	28-29 June 1976
15th session of the EGT Committee		Strasbourg	25-29 October 1976
Meeting of the "Threshold level" sub-group		Strasbourg	3-4 March 1977
Meeting of experts on the extension of the Threshold Level to school education		Strasbourg	21-22 June 1977

## 6. Council of Europe committees, councils and divisions involved

Comité de l'enseignement général et technique  
Committee for General and Technical Education  
Committee for out-of-school education and cultural development, Directory of Education  
Cultural and Scientific Affairs,  
Division de l'Éducation Extra-Scolaire,  
Secretariat General

## **7. Associations, institutions and organisations quoted**

A tripartite Project for the Teaching of Modern Languages (English, French, German) to less-able pupils in Secondary Schools

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Institut für die Didaktik der English Sprache und Literatur, Justus Liebig Universität

Lycée du Banlay Nevers

Norwegian Shipping Federation

Observer European School, Luxembourg

Schools Council German Project

Schools Council Modern Languages Project

Secrétariat d'état aux Universités

Sekretariat der Ständigen Konferenz der Kultusminister der Länder in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland

State Council on Experiment in Schools

Universität des Saarlandes, Neue Sprach- und Literaturwissenschaften, Fachrichtung 8.2 Romanistik.

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University of Groningen

University of Nottingham, HM Inspectorate

University of York, Language Teaching Centre, Language Material Development Unit

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## **9. Document types**

Agenda  
Cheque book  
Draft agenda  
Handwritten notes  
Introduction  
Letter  
List  
Notes  
Paper  
Proposal  
Report  
Summary  
Summary / Proposal  
Syllabus  
Teaching materials

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CCC/EGT (77) Misc 18  
CCC/EGT (77) Misc 19

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