The European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML), a Council of Europe Partial Agreement based in Graz, Austria, has been serving the community of language education professionals in over 30 member states for 20 years. The ECML’s mission is to encourage excellence and innovation in language teaching and support its member states in the implementation of effective language education policies. Its work focuses on bridging the gap between language policy and education practice in formal as well as in informal/non-formal learning contexts.

Current priorities in ECML member states

ECML programmes are determined primarily by the Centre’s member states. According to a consultation conducted with member states on national priorities in language education in preparation of the Call, teacher education features firmly at the core of these priorities:

- Attractive and effective foreign language learning
- Autonomous learning: holistic development
- Plurilingual, intercultural and inclusive approaches
- Digital literacy
- Teacher education
- Early language learning
- Professional communities of practice
- Language teacher competences and the CEFR
- Testing and assessment

The Call for submissions for the 2016-2019 ECML programme

This Call recognises that quality language education is a pre-requisite for quality education overall. Language is at the root of all learning: all teachers, irrespective of sector or subject area, have a role to play in developing the linguistic and intercultural repertoires of their learners. This is reflected in the title:

LANGUAGES AT THE HEART OF LEARNING

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Who should apply?

The ECML seeks submissions from professionals active in the field of language education with a strong interest in European cooperation, such as practice-oriented researchers, teachers, teacher educators, inspectors, training providers. Just some of the possible reasons for applying are to:

- develop expertise in cooperation with representatives from over 30 ECML member states;
- create practical tools for enhancing the quality in language education across Europe;
- benefit from the expertise, support, and funding of a cutting-edge European institution;
- use the ECML platform to negotiate, communicate and publish your innovative ideas.

Applicants should be living and working in a member state of the ECML.

Deadline for submissions: 1 May 2015 – for further information see the Call website http://call.ecml.at.