

## **Brian North Bio**

Brian North has been a researcher for the Council of Europe since 1991 and is a former chair of Eaquals. After developing the CEFR levels and descriptors in his PhD in a Swiss National Science Foundation project, he co-authored the CEFR, the prototype European Language Portfolio, the manual for relating assessments to the CEFR, Eaquals' CEFR core inventories (English and French) and the CEFR Companion Volume. Other projects include investigation of CEFR use in Canada and Switzerland. His own (co)publications include: *Development of a Common Framework Scale of Language Proficiency* (Peter Lang); *The CEFR in Practice* (Cambridge); *Language Course Planning* (Oxford), and *The Action-oriented Approach* (Multilingual Matters).