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Using ECML resources to support plurilingual and intercultural education for democratic culture

The project aims to support member states with the implementation of Council of Europe Recommendation CM/Rec(2022)1 on the importance of plurilingual and intercultural education for democratic culture by developing procedures to evaluate and adapt relevant ECML resources to national contexts.



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2024-2027 programme

“Language education at the heart of democracy”

Programme overview



The Committee of Ministers' **Recommendation on the importance of plurilingual and intercultural education for democratic culture (2022)1**, is the first ever holistic Recommendation in the field of languages. It reinforces the role of quality language education in equipping learners to become autonomous social agents, actively engaged in strengthening our democracies.

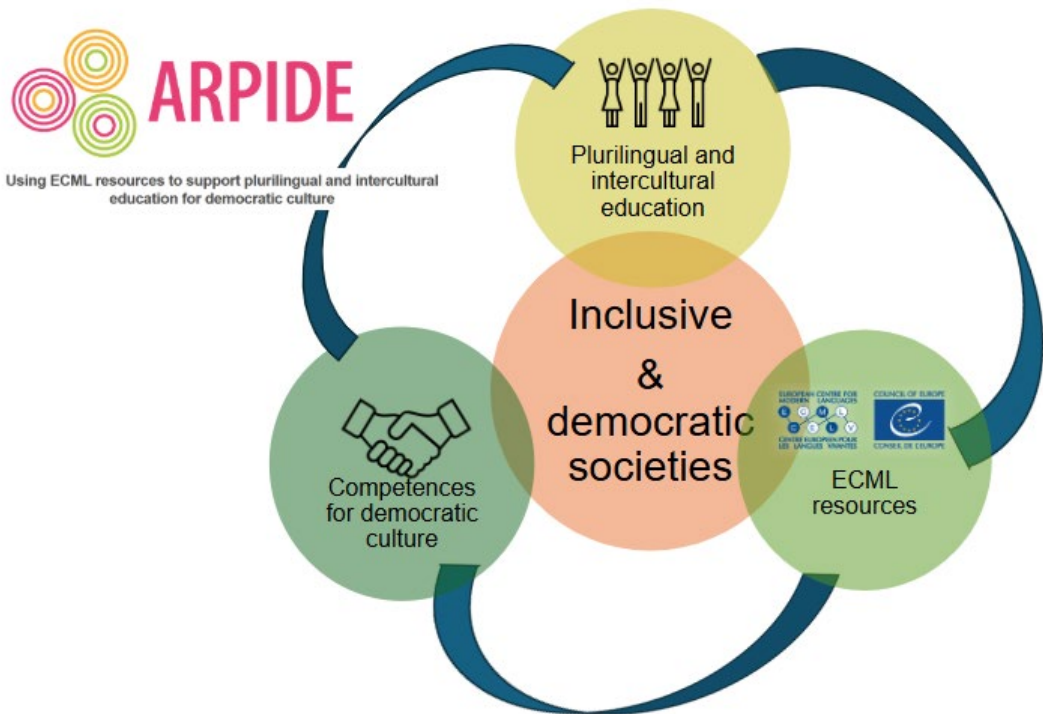
Together with the 2024-2030 Council's Education Strategy - “Learners first - Education for today's and tomorrow's democratic societies” - it provides the overarching framework for the ECML's 7th medium-term programme.

The 2024-2027 ECML programme focuses primarily on activities to support and further develop the wellbeing, resilience and competences of all those working in the field, so that they in turn can empower their learners. In this way, language education can be transformed into a vibrant force at the core of democratic ideals.



Priorities in member states

The current programme responds directly to the priorities in ECML member states. As this illustration shows, these priorities cover a wide range of topics, resulting in the need for constant upskilling of language professionals.



The European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML) is an Enlarged Partial Agreement of the Council of Europe. It was established in Graz, Austria in 1994. 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.



Recommendation CM/Rec(2022)1 and explanatory memorandum - The importance of plurilingual and intercultural education for democratic culture



Definitions, principles, policy and practice, measures and cooperation

<https://rm.coe.int/prems-013522-gbr-2508-cmrec-2022-1-et-expose-motifs-couv-a5-bat-web/1680a967b4>



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Explanatory memorandum - CoE resources

The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

The CEFR Companion volume

Guide for the development of language education policies in Europe

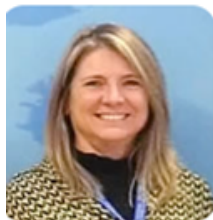
ECML thematic areas, projects and TaCs - Developing language awareness in subject classes, E-lang, FREPA, Handbook for curriculum development and teacher training – the language dimension in all subjects, Maledive, Marille, Pluriliteracies approach to teaching for learning, ROADMAP...



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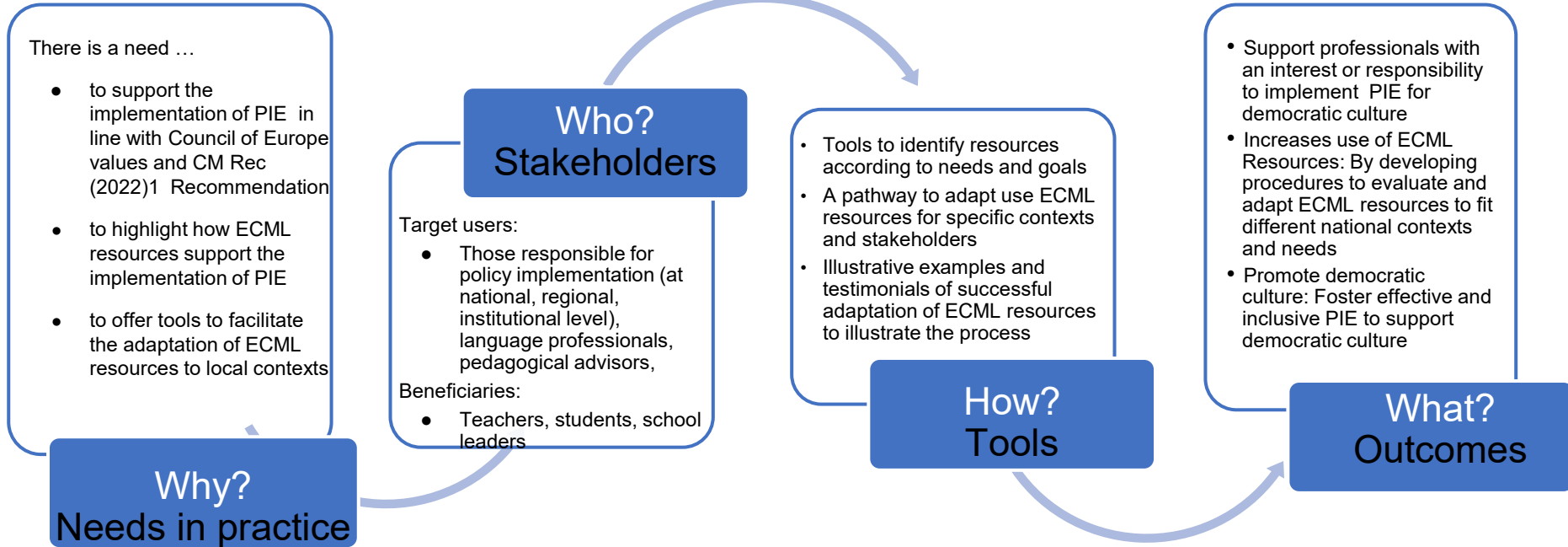
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