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Relating language examinations to the common European reference levels of language proficiency: promoting quality assurance in education and facilitating mobility

RELANG Seminar

(Relating language examinations to the common European reference levels of language proficiency)

Prague, OREA Hotel Pyramida, 26-28 March 2014

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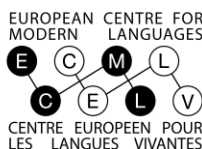
DRAFT PROGRAMME

Wednesday 26 March 2014

08.30 – 09.00	Registration
09.00 – 09.30	Opening of the workshop; Relang event presentation (<i>Plenary, ECML experts, a representative from the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports</i>)
09.30 – 10.00	General issues of language tests for migrants from a CoE perspective (<i>Plenary, Waldemar Martyniuk</i>)
10.00 – 10.30	Quality management - What does it involve? (<i>Plenary</i>)
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 11.30	Fundamental considerations about the principles and theory which are required for constructing language tests (<i>Plenary</i>)
11.30 – 12.00	Questions about validity, reliability, fairness and ethics in the Czech exams (<i>Group work</i>)
12.00 – 12.30	Feedback on the results of the group work (<i>Plenary</i>)
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch break
13.30 – 14.00	The different stages of test development (<i>Plenary</i>)
14.00 – 14.15	The stages of linking the test to the descriptors of the CEFR and the familiarisation stage (<i>Plenary</i>)
14.15 – 15.00	Familiarisation with the salient features of the language proficiency of the CEFR in different skills of learners at the different levels (<i>Group work</i>)
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 – 16.00	Feedback on the results of the group work (<i>Plenary</i>)
16.00 – 16.30	Specifications (<i>Plenary, ECML experts</i>)
	A1 and A2 Reference Levels of Czech as a Foreign Language Developed for the Purpose of Language Tests for Migrants (<i>Plenary, Petra Chvojková, Petra Honzáková</i>)
16.30 – 17.00	Follow up discussion with W. Martyniuk's participation on the forms which have been completed (<i>Plenary</i>)
17.00 – 18.00	Welcome drink

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Thursday 27 March 2014

09.00 – 09.15	The process of assembling the test (<i>Plenary</i>)
09.15 – 09.30	The rules to follow when writing items (receptive skills), as well as item writing issues (<i>Plenary</i>)
09.30 – 10.00	Item writing - receptive skills (<i>Group work</i>)
10.00 – 10.30	Feedback on the results of the group work and the development of guidelines for item writers (<i>Plenary</i>)
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 11.30	Follow up of the group work feedback (<i>Plenary</i>)
11.30 – 11.45	The rules for writing tasks for productive skills: writing and speaking (<i>Plenary</i>)
11.45 – 12.30	Samples of writing and speaking tasks (<i>Group work</i>)
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch break
13.30 – 14.15	Feedback on writing of tasks for productive skills (<i>Plenary</i>)
14.15 – 15.00	Conclusion about the criteria for item writing and elements for guidelines for item writers (<i>Plenary</i>)
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 – 16.00	Marking, grading and reporting (<i>Plenary</i>)
16.00 – 16.30	Marking of writing (<i>Group work</i>)
16.30 – 17.00	Feedback on group work. Which grids might be the most reliable? (<i>Plenary</i>)

Friday 28 March 2014

09.00 – 09.30	Follow up of the work on writing. Conclusion (<i>Plenary</i>)
09:30 – 09.45	A benchmarking session of oral production samples (<i>Plenary</i>)
09.45 – 10.30	Samples of A1 and A2 levels with grids for rating and conclusion on the evaluation of productive skills including procedures to follow (<i>Group work</i>)
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 11.30	The process of delivering tests (<i>Plenary</i>)
11.30 – 12.30	Administration and logistics: Centres, papers, administration system, security and confidentiality of results (<i>Plenary</i>)
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch break
13.30 – 14.00	Communication with Stakeholders (<i>Plenary</i>)
14.00 – 14.30	Seminar conclusions and feedback (<i>Plenary</i>)

The seminar will be provided in English.

Working languages of the group work are English and Czech.

Changes in the programme are possible.