A Pluriliteracies Approach to Teaching for Learning

Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) and bilingual education are increasingly popular across Europe. The ECML supports CLIL teachers and teacher trainers not only to take account of and strengthen the language component in subject learning but also to focus on the development of cognitive and academic literacies. A pluriliteracies approach builds on CLIL approaches to help learners become better meaning-makers, who can draw on content knowledge to communicate successfully across languages, disciplines and cultures. In this way, it promotes deep learning and helps develop responsible, global citizens.

Results and benefits

- □ Review of learning progression in various subjects;
- □ Adoption of new approaches to literacy development across school subjects and languages;
- □ Classroom materials and teaching plans to foster literacy development and deep learning



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Both Dunja and Fred are very practical, hands-on educators and their workshops include plenty of practical activities that can be directly applied to any classroom.