

European Core Curriculum for Teacher Training (EUCIM-TE-project)

The EUCIM-TE project addresses the new qualification needs for teachers affected by policy shifts from a „compartmentalised“ concept of second language teaching to an „inclusive education“ in which academic language education in socially and linguistically heterogeneous classrooms is seen as an integral part of a generalised and common curriculum process, i.e. inclusive academic literacy education for second language learners and for first language learners who have limited exposure to academic language.

Such a change implies considerable alterations in the teacher education curriculum at a European level. Due to the general rising trend in immigration across Europe, all teachers need qualifications regarding work with ethnic and linguistic minority pupils. At present, none of the European Union member states has a general teacher education curriculum addressing these needs.

The main aim of the project is thus to improve the pre- and in-service training of all teachers in relation to their work with immigrant pupils by creating a competencebased European Core Curriculum for teacher education and its national adaptations.

Therefore, the main outputs will be:

- the European Core Curriculum, its national adaptations, the European manual and its national adaptations;
- Needs Analysis Reports of the partners involved.

The material will be published by various means, including: print and web-based publications, a web-based databank including all relevant material produced in the participating countries and abroad as well as the material produced by the project.

In general, the project shall prompt wide-ranging changes in teacher education. By creating national/regional Teacher Education Partnerships (TEPs) involving teacher pre-service and in-service education institutions, schools and administrative authorities in the project's work, it will be possible to give perspectives for changing teacher education programmes and state examination standards and facilitate the adoption of the project's proposals.

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