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Participant's report to the National Nominating Authority and the National Contact Point

Meeting report

In the three weeks after the event, please complete this report. It contains two sections:

1. **Reporting:** this is intended as a feedback on the event, on what was learnt, on how the event will affect your work and on how it will be disseminated. In addition to the ECML National Nominating Authority and the National Contact Point in your country the ECML will use the report¹ in the "Experts involved in ECML activities" section of each ECML member state website (please see <http://contactpoints.ecml.at>).

This section should be written in one of the project's working languages.

2. **Public information:** this is intended as an information on the ECML project and its expected value for your country. The content should be of interest for a larger audience. Thus it should link up to interesting publications, websites, events etc. which were discussed on the occasion of the workshop or which are relevant in your country. The public information should be a short, promotional text of about 200 words.

This section should be written in (one of) your national language(s).

The completed file should be sent to

- the ECML National Nominating Authority and the National Contact Point in your country (contact details can be found at <http://www.ecml.at/aboutus/members.asp>)
- and in copy to ECML Secretariat (Erika.komon@ecml.at)

within the given deadline.

¹ Only if you authorised the ECML to publish your contact details.

1. Reporting	
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Title of ECML project	“Promoting excellence in sign language instruction (PRO-Sign)”
ECML project website	http://www.ecml.at/ECML-Programme/Programme2016-2019/SignLanguageInstruction/tabid/1856/Default.aspx
Date of the event	1-2 March, 2017
Brief summary of the content of the workshop	“ProSign” project, ECML history and mission, CEFR, European Language Portfolio
What did you find particularly useful?	Information about the real situation in other European countries. How others develop their sign language, what methods they use, what difficulties they face.
How will you use what you learnt / developed in the event in your professional context?	Regarding to the Latvian reality for ELP and CEFR could successfully be applied, it should take place on two levels. First, information about these learning tools should be spread among the people, showing the potential benefits for the deaf community. As well it should be implemented at national level, involving the relevant instances, because activities of a small group of people will not be enough to realize it.
How will you further contribute to the project?	I will disseminate information which I received during the workshop; I will follow the information about the project “ProSign”; If I have the opportunity, I will take part in the other activities and workshops.
How do you plan to disseminate the project? - to colleagues - to a professional association - in a professional journal/website - in a newspaper - other	- Making a presentation to colleagues at Riga Raina 8 th Evening (shift) school; - Making a presentation to students and teachers at Social Integration State Agency; - Spreading the information at the Latvian Association of the Deaf; - Putting the information on the School website.

2. Public information

Short text (about 200 words) for the promotion of the ECML event, the project and the envisaged publication with a focus on the benefits for target groups. This text should be provided in your national

language(s) to be used for dissemination (on websites, for journals etc.).

Šī gada 1. un 2.martā notika Eiropas Moderno valodu centra (EMVC) seminārs “Izcilības veicināšana zīmju valodas apmācībā”. Norises vieta - Austrija, Grāca. Šī ir daļa no projekta “ProSign” rīkotajiem pasākumiem. Seminārā piedalījās 34 cilvēki no 28 valstīm (Eiropas Savienības valstis, Krievija, Kanāda). Darba valodas bija starptautiskā zīmju valoda un angļu valoda.

Zīmju valoda ir viena no Eiropas valodām, un tā tiek glabāta kā kultūras mantojums. Eiropas Padomes dalībvalstīs tai ir piešķirts aizsardzības statuss. EMVC misija ir demokrātijas nodrošināšana ar valodu izglītības starpniecību. Vairāk informācijas par šo tēmu var atrast <http://ecml.at> - EMVC mājaslapā, kurā ir sadaļa par zīmju valodu un “ProSign” projektu.

Galvenā semināra pirmās dienas tēma bija Eiropas Kopīgās pamatnostādnes valodu apguvei (EKP). Šis dokuments tika izstrādāts jau 20.gadsimta beigās, bet nebija piemērots zīmju valodas vajadzībām. Tagad jaunā dokumenta versija ir pieejama <http://ecml.at> EMVC mājaslapā čehu, angļu un vācu valodā. Pašlaik Latvijā EKP saistībā ar zīmju valodu vēl izmantots netiek.

Semināra otrās dienas tēma bija Eiropas Valodu portfelis (EVP).

Noslēgumā pasākuma dalībnieki kopīgi secināja, ka EVP veiksmīgai izmantošanai dalībvalstīs ir divi galvenie pamatnosacījumi. Pirmkārt, informācijai par šo mācību līdzekli jābūt plaši izplatītai, parādot tā iespējamo nozīmi arī nedzirdīgo sabiedrībai. Otrkārt – tā popularizēšana jāīsteno valsts līmenī, iesaistot attiecīgās instances, jo tikai nelielas cilvēku grupas aktivitātes nebūs pietiekamas, lai to realizētu.