Online Linguistic Support (O.L.S)

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What is the OLS?

• Online Linguistic Support

• Online system for students to assess their language capability and take an online course if necessary.
What is the OLS?

• Available in German, English, Spanish, French, Italian and Dutch.

• If language not available on OLS, Organisational Support must be used.
Why do we have to use the OLS?

Multilingualism is one of the cornerstones of the European project and a powerful symbol of the EU's aspiration to be united in diversity. Foreign languages have a prominent role among the skills that will help equip people better for the labour market and make the most of available opportunities. The EU has set the goal that every citizen should have the opportunity to acquire at least two foreign languages, from an early age.

The promotion of language learning and linguistic diversity is one of the specific objectives of the Programme. The lack of language competences is one of the main barriers to participation in European education, training and youth programmes. The opportunities put in place to offer linguistic support are aimed to make mobility more efficient and effective, to improve learning performance and therefore contribute to the specific objective of the Programme.
Where is the OLS?

http://erasmusplusols.eu/
Who is the OLS for?

• Students undertaking a mobility in a language that is not in their “native” language must complete the assessment.

• If an overseas students enrolled at your HEI, wishes to undertake a mobility in English, at institutions discretion to determine their knowledge and understanding of English is “native” or close to.
Who is the OLS for?

- If a British Council Language Assistants is undertaking a mobility in English, they do not need to complete the assessment.

- The course is aimed at all levels.
# Who uses the OLS?

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How to use the OLS?

All users

- Receive an email with credentials and access link
- Follow link
- Log in with credentials

Once access is gained, you can change password.
Assessment for Mobility Participant

1. Set up profile

2. System Compatibility Check.
   Resolution, Browser, Flash Player & HTML 5, Cookies.

3. Audio Test
   Speakers or headphones

4. Begin the assessment!
Assessment for Mobility Participant

Grammar
(20 questions)

• Difficulty will Increase or decrease depending on language level

• Check progress of assessment.

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Assessment for Mobility Participant

For each completed section, notified on:

• The section completed (Grammar, Vocabulary, etc.)
• The number of remaining parts
• The next section to complete.
Assessment for Mobility Participant

Vocabulary
(15 questions)

• Nouns
• Adjectives
• Pronouns
• Verbs
• Preposition
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Vocabulary

• Also tests basic general knowledge
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Assessment for Mobility Participant

Key Communicative Phrases
(15 questions)
Assessment for Mobility Participant

Listening Comprehension
(10 questions)
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Reading Comprehension

- The type of passages presented depending on the level of difficulty of user.
Assessment for Mobility Participant

Upper part of the screen, indicates overall score level according to the CEFR. (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages)

In the centre of the page, more detailed feedback for each competence is shown.

Students can save their assessment result in their Europass Language Passport.

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What is Europass?

Total of 5 documents

Two documents completed by individual:
• Curriculum Vitae
• Language Passport

Three documents issued by education and training authorities:
• Europass mobility
• Certificate Supplement
• Diploma Supplement
Course for Mobility Participant

1. Access OLS system
2. Results page
3. Start my course button
4. System checks
5. Start my course!
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Course for Mobility Participant

Vocabulary module

VOCABULARY
A1 - Initiation
A1 Beginner
A1+ False beginner
A2 Elementary
B1 Intermediate
B2 Upper Intermediate
C1 Advanced

GRAMMAR
PRONUNCIATION (A2/B2)
ARGUMENTATION (B1/C1)

BANKING
MEETINGS
JOB COURSES (B1/C1)
CORRESPONDENCE (B1/C1)
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Course for Mobility Participant

- Initiation (A1-)
- Beginner (A1)
- False Beginner (A1+)
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Course for Mobility Participant

The Exercises

- Translation Exercises

(Brian) Hello!

My name is Brian Walker.

My name is Brian ______ my ______

Mon prénom est Brian et mon nom de famille est Walker.
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The Exercises

- Pronunciation Exercises

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Vocabulary List

- Includes words and expressions from exercises.
- Additional definitions.
- ✔️ means word is known to user
- ✗ means word is unknown to user

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Course for Mobility Participant

Summary Test

- Test on lesson and sections vocabulary
- Tests on new words
- Tests on previous incorrect words
- for help

Summary test

My [ ] is Gregory and my family name is Watson.

The first element of a full name.
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Grammar module

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- Several categories
- Several themes per category
- Pre-tests highlights weakness
- Post-tests
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- See grammatical rules
- Access exercises
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Argumentation module

- Watch video
- Look up vocabulary
- Check your understanding
- Express yourself, regarding the subject
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Professions section

- Banking (English only)
- Meetings (B1/B2)
- Job Courses (B1/C1)
- Correspondence (B1/C1)
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Job Courses (B1/C1)

**Purchasing**

Once you have mastered this lesson, you will be able to greet customers at the store and assist and advise them in their purchases. You will be able to converse with them at the checkout. You will also learn the vocabulary related to marketing in a broader sense.

**Secretary and Administrative Assistant**

Following this lesson, you will have mastered the jargon necessary for the secretarial and administrative assistance field. You will learn notably the standard polite terms of greeting and be able to answer the telephone.

**Automobile**

This lesson aims to immerse you in the professional automotive field by introducing the typical expressions of this business. Following this lesson, you will be able to communicate with your customers and you will learn the vocabulary specific to the automotive world.

**Chemistry**

Once you have completed this lesson, you will know the very specific vocabulary of the chemical industry. You will be able to correctly pronounce the different terms by listening to the speech of native speakers.
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Course for Mobility Participant

- Forum (coming soon)
- News section
Beneficiaries

• Home Tab

• Assessment Licence Allocation to Participants

• Course Licence to Participants

• Licence Usage per Mobility Participant

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Allocating assessment licences to participants.

- Select project if organisation participates with several projects.
- Summary box in top right corner.
Beneficiaries allocating assessment licences

• Separate email addresses with “,” or “,”

• Include all students tested in same language

• Follow steps again for those doing a different language
**Beneficiaries allocating assessment licences**

- Once added students emails, select Validate.

- Select the language of assessment

- Select deadline for test.

- Send assessment invitation
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Beneficiaries allocating assessment licences

Modify/cancel an invitation and re invite participants

• Enter email you wish to cancel.
• Click “Validate emails”
• Pop up will appear
• Check email/check all emails
• Cancel invitations
Beneficiaries allocating course licences

Allocating course licences to participants

- Select project if organisation participates with several projects.
- Summary box in top right corner.
Benficiaries allocating course licences

Allocating course licences to participants

- Received an assessment licence
- Have completed the first assessment test
- Have not returned from
- their Erasmus+ mobility yet
Beneficiaries allocating course licences

- Select ‘allocate’ next to candidate
- Allocate to all selected
- If participant does not connect to course in 30 days, licence is deactivated.
Beneficiaries monitoring licences

Monitor Assessment and Course licences
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**Beneficiaries monitoring licences**

- Details of those allocated licences
Beneficiaries monitoring licences

How to Resend a licence -
• click on the blue “Resend invitation” button
• Pop up will appear to reset deadline.

How to delete an invitation –
• Click on the red “delete invitation”
• Pop up to confirm deletion.
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Beneficiaries

- Edit your profile
- Create additional users (alias)
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Beneficiaries

- Delete additional users
- Add or delete additional notification addresses
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### Reallocating Licences

- **HEI has spare licences**
- **Notify the NA**
- **Contact Service Provider**
- **HEI needs licences**
- **NA reallocate in future**
Licence allocation for 2015/16

To be confirmed:
- 18,395 assessment licences
- 18,395 course licence

Allocation process:
Higher Education: mobility figures are based on past performance. The latest available statistics of 2012/2013 academic year were taken into account and extrapolated to the 2015 budget.

These are figures on a draft basis and are not finalised figures.
Support available

Beneficiary User Guide:

Mobility Participants User Guide for Assessment

Mobility Participant User Guide for Courses

Technical Questions and Answers for Mobility Participants
http://erasmusplusols.eu/faq/
Support available

Presentation:


Guided tour of the language course

(DE, EN, ES, FR, IT, NL)

Useful link: http://erasmusplusols.eu/useful-link/
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Helpdesks:

Technical team (service provider):
Report a Problem / support@erasmusplusols.eu

Dedicated OLS team at European Commission:
EACEA-EPLUS-OLS@ec.europa.eu

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Thank you!
Diolch!