



The EPG Valorisation Seminar 08 November 2012

The EPG Valorisation seminar took place on November 8th, 2012, at the Goethe Institut in Munich (Germany).

The objectives of the seminar were:

- to present the pilot version of European Profiling Grid to the participants and to discuss the different possible uses of the tool;
- to present the EPG project, its objectives and its main stages;
- to present the initial results of the piloting of the European Profiling Grid;
- to consult with participants on the specific uses of the European Profiling Grid in their professional contexts.

70 participants, from 16 European countries, gathered to explore issues related to the European Profiling Grid. The following provides details of the different presentations at the seminar:

Presentations (in English)

- [Language teachers – Reasons for defining and assessing their competences](#)

This presentation by Richard Rossner (EAQUALS) discussed questions relating to the evaluation of teachers: why assess language teachers? who is responsible for assessing teachers, and in which contexts? what role can self-evaluation play? How can 'teaching competences' be defined? These were the initial questions for the development of the European Profiling Grid and its possible uses.

- [EPG project – a general overview](#)

CIEP, the co-ordinating institution of the project, introduced the main elements of the European Profiling Grid project and the main developments during 2013.

- [Main field-testing – Teacher survey](#)

Between July and October, 2012, the European Profiling Grid descriptors were tested on a large number of language teachers across Europe. The presentation described the test methods used and the initial results of the main field test. Brian North (EAQUALS), who also organized the piloting of the descriptors of Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), presented the piloting process of the European Profiling Grid to the audience of language teachers.

- [Main field-testing – Managers and Trainers](#)

Between July and October, 2012, the European Profiling Grid descriptors were tested with teacher trainers of language teachers and on managers of language centres. Richard Rossner (EAQUALS) presented the initial results of the pilot and discussed the implications of these results on the further development of the European Profiling Grid.

- [The European Profiling Grid user guide](#)

The presentation by Galya Mateva (OPTIMA), co-author of the European Profiling Grid, focused on one of the key outputs of the project: the European Profiling Grid user guide. She discussed what form this should take, what it should contain, and who it should address.