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 The ECSPM has signed the “Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment” and has joined the Coalition for Advancing Research Assessment ([CoARA](#)), which is a global coalition of research funding organisations, research performing organisations, national/regional assessment authorities and agencies, as well as associations of the above organisations, learned societies and other relevant organisations.

 The ECSPM will be involved, as coordinating institution, in a case study on linguistic mediation in higher education (Etude de cas sur la médiation linguistique dans l’enseignement supérieur), starting January 2023. It will be carried out in the context of an AUF funded project, led by the University of Strasbourg, under the title “Le multi-/plurilinguisme dynamique, terreau de l’excellence inclusive dans l’enseignement supérieur”. The participating universities are: Université de São Paulo (Brésil), Université Babeş Bolyai (Roumanie), Université de Ngaoundéré (Cameroun), Université de Strasbourg (France), and Université de Sofia (Bulgarie). More information about the case study on mediation: [here](#).

 The ECSPM has drafted the “ECSPM Declaration for Multilingualism in Higher Education” which is being translated in numerous languages, before uploading it to an electronic petition platform for signatures that will help our cause. More information: [here](#).

We send you season’s greetings and look forward to a successful 2023 together!

Multilingualism and epistemic knowledge in higher education

ECSPM’s third symposium, focusing on multilingual matters in higher education, is hosted by the University of Strasbourg from 22 to 24 March 2023. The symposium entitled “THE SOCIAL ROLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION: Developing the civil society’s awareness and impacting policies on the role of multilingualism in education”, which is to be carried out as a hybrid event to maximise participation, has the generous support of the GEO research centre and the European and International Relations office of the University of Strasbourg. It is to be carried out under the auspices and with the support of the Council of Europe.

The symposium languages are English and French, but the European Live Translator ([ELTR](#)) will be used to automatically translate from the two languages into 40 other European languages.

Our distinguished group of speakers includes:

- colleagues from the francophone research community as keynote speakers
- a board member of the EUA, as honored speaker
- outstanding speakers from different European countries, but also from Israel, New Zealand, Singapore, the USA.

Prominent members of the CURUM constituency have agreed to act as discussants, challenging symposium speakers.

The last session of the symposium is a roundtable discussion among leading members of the European academic community for conclusions and recommendations.

The programme, with detailed information about the symposium contributions and contributors, will be on our website as of mid-January 2023.

In person and online participation is FREE of charge for our members and friends. Contact the ECSPM Secretariat for more information: multilingualism@ecspm.org