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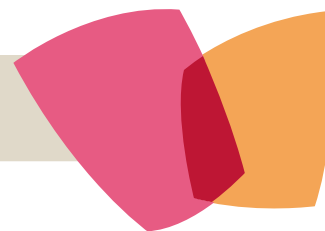
## 2025 events and activities

- ✿ ECSPM organised, in collaboration with the [MIRCo](#) Interdisciplinary Research Centre of UAM, an exciting symposium on “Actions for Social Justice in Multilingual Societies” at a lovely retreat of UAM near Madrid, A summary of the event is on the MIRCo website ([here](#)), and the speakers’ PPTs and summaries of panel/roundtables are [here](#).
- ✿ ECSPM organised a Professional Educational Forum on “Linguistic Mediation for HE language Instructors” for our Ukrainian colleagues (the flyer is [here](#)) – an event hosted and in collaboration with the Faculty of Linguistics of the National Technical University of Ukraine, known as “Igor Sikorsky Kyiv Polytechnic Institute”. The speakers’ PPTs are [here](#).
- ✿ ECSPM coordinated a consortium of institutions – most of which are our members – to work together on a proposal for an Erasmus+ Teacher Academy on “Synergic Language Teaching for Life and Digital Competences through Plurilingual Action-Oriented Pedagogy”. The proposal was submitted in March 2025 and we are hoping to receive the (positive) evaluation outcome sometime soon – possibly this September.

## 2026 events and activities

- ✿ ECSPM is organising its next Symposium, to mark its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an NGO, independent from the European Commission in 2016. The 2026 ECSPM Symposium, hosted by the Language Council of Saarland (LCS), in collaboration with HTW SAAR University of Applied Sciences, will be held in Saarbrücken, Germany, 19-20 March 2026, complimented by pre-symposium dinner for socialising and networking on 18 March – courtesy of the hosts. The theme is “Internationalisation of HE, Multilingualism and Translation” (the full concept note is [here](#)). For more information visit the ECSPM webpage [here](#) and the LCS announcement [here](#).
- ✿ ECSPM and one of its member institutions, the research group [GEO](#), are co-organising a forum, to be hosted at the University of Strasbourg, on 4-5 June 2026, as a follow up to the 2026 Symposium in Saarland. The working title of the forum is “Language(s), the cultural politics and policies of/for translation”.

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## Celebrating...

### The European Day of Languages (EDL)

The European Centre of Modern Languages, ECML, our partner institution, is commemorating EDL celebrated on 26 September and:

- It is also marking its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary by publishing a special edition of the *European Language Gazette*, which includes resources and activities for the day, with the theme “Languages open hearts and minds!” (more information [here](#))

Also, two of our member institutions are celebrating EDL:

- **ICC-Languages** in cooperation with the Language Council of Saarland is holding a special webinar on Thursday, 25 September, 18:00–19:15 CET, featuring Thomas H. Bak, Chair of Cognitive Science of Language and Multilingualism at the University of Edinburgh, who will talk about *Why Our Brains Need Languages to Cross Borders*, drawing on evidence from neuroscience, clinical studies, and international research. Interested? Register [here](#).
- The **Research Institute for Multilingualism and Language Policy** (EIPOL), of the NKUA is holding a Language Policy Forum on 23 September, featuring Prof. Joseph LoBianco, University of Melbourne Australia, who will give a keynote on *Policy Literacy: What is a realistic role and impact that research evidence and language professionals can have on language policy?* Following this talk, a panel discussion will focus on the actions of “The Pharos Alliance” the aim of which is to promote and revitalize the Greek language in Australia. Interested in attending on line? Write to us, [at ECSPM](#), which is supporting this event.

## Working toward developing the ECSPM Knowledge Hub

Since early 2025 we have been making an effort to develop a Knowledge Hub which is to operate as an Internet-based system designed to help interested individuals and entities to remotely “information swap” and/or share theoretical and practical knowledge concerning **Cross-lingual Communication, Translation, and Interpretation**, in areas such as:

- educational settings/contexts and academia
- in vocational (work)-related situations,
- at public events,
- in social service venues,
- in virtual and digital environments,
- in news media, social media, digital media,
- in art, especially literature.

In each of the fields and specific areas, it will be interesting to include information and knowledge about: Research & Innovation, Postgraduate studies, Tools, Organisations and collaborative spaces, Partner institutions.

The K-Hub, potentially C.O.T.I. (acronym for standing for Cross-lingual, Oral and written Translation and Interpretation) aims to have a purposeful utilitarian use as it hopes to help members, partners, and friends share their research with other colleagues in Europe and beyond, to assist everyone involved in these fields catch up on new research, events, and findings. In this way, it will promote productiveness on the areas of concern and allow for faster solutions by way of synergy.

An online community, a network of experts, interested early and senior researchers, professionals and practitioners in a constant state of contribution are to be the life force of this K-Hub.

There is a core group which has started working for the K-Hub. Those of you who are interested in taking part please contact us, [at ECSPM](#), coordinating this action.