

Language Assessment - User Guide

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Learn languages with Erasmus+ OLS

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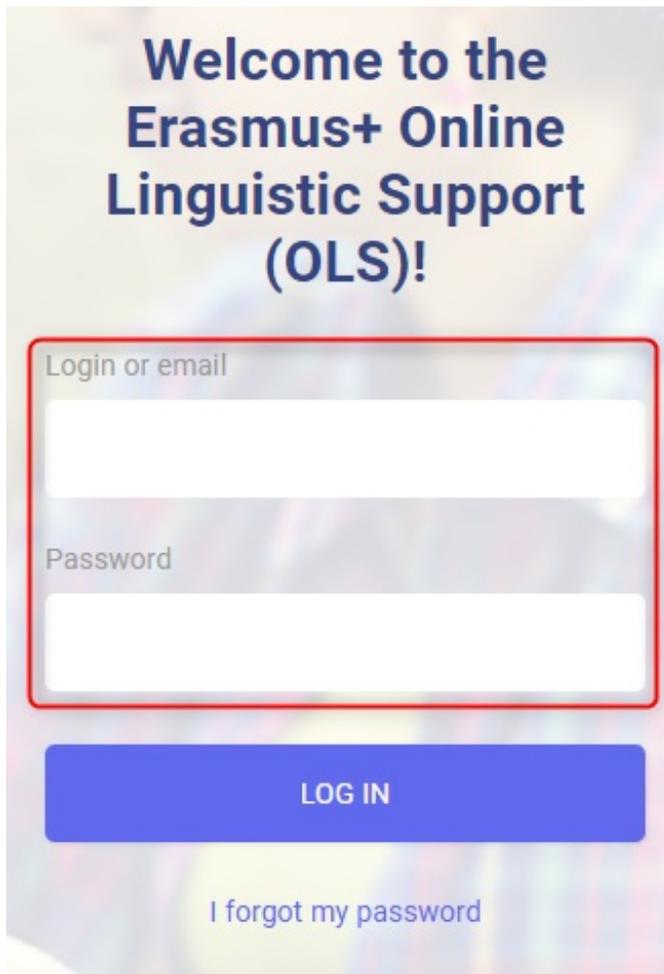
Introduction

Welcome to the Erasmus+ OLS language assessment user guide. In this document, you will discover how to log in, take the language assessment, and receive your results on the Erasmus+ OLS platform. This guide will help to ensure that your language assessment result reflects your language level in the language you are going to work or study in during your mobility period.

Access and log into the Erasmus+ OLS Platform

Before you can access the Erasmus+ OLS language assessment, you will need to activate your user account. You should have received an automated invitation e-mail containing a link. Click on this link to activate your account. Just follow the link provided in the e-mail to activate your account, then connect via <https://app.erasmusplusols.eu>.

If you can't remember your password, click on the "**Forgot your password?**" link.



**Welcome to the
Erasmus+ Online
Linguistic Support
(OLS)!**

Login or email

Password

LOG IN

[I forgot my password](#)

Complete your Erasmus+ OLS profile

Once you've logged in, you will be asked to edit your profile and complete it with your personal information. Fields marked with a red asterisk * are mandatory.

Edit my profile

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Login | Login or email |
| abbeta180918@mailinator.com | abbeta180918@mailinator.com |
| First Name | Last Name |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| Gender | Year of Birth |
| Other <input type="text"/> | Please Choose... <input type="text"/> |
| Nationality | Mother Tongue |
| Please Choose... <input type="text"/> | Please Choose... <input type="text"/> |

I have read and agree to the [Terms and Conditions](#).

CONTINUE

If you would like to modify the password, complete the “**New Password**” field and then confirm it in the “**New Password Confirmation**” field.

Please create a password

Login

abbeta180918@mailinator.com

New password

Verify new password

NEXT

BACK TO LOGIN

Before clicking on "Save these modifications", please read the 'Legal Notice' on data protection. You must accept the terms on data protection and data privacy before saving your profile, otherwise you will be unable to proceed.

I have read and agree to the [Terms and Conditions](#).

CONTINUE

Once you have completed your profile, click on "**Save these modifications**" to continue.

Complete your Erasmus+ OLS Mobility Profile

Once you have completed your personal profile, you will be asked to further edit your profile by filling in some details about your Erasmus+ mobility. Fields marked with a red asterisk * are mandatory.

ADD MOBILITY

Edit mobilities

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Sending institution/organisation | Type of mobility |
| BEN MT99 01 | Higher Education |
| Language to test | |
| English | |
| Country of destination | Type of activity |
| Please Choose... ▼ | Please Choose... ▼ |
| Start of mobility | End of mobility |
| <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Mobility period: - month(s)

[ADD MOBILITY](#)

The language of the assessment you are going to take, indicated under the label “**Language to test**”, has been selected by your sending institution/organisation as the main language of instruction or work for your mobility period. You cannot modify this field. **If you believe**

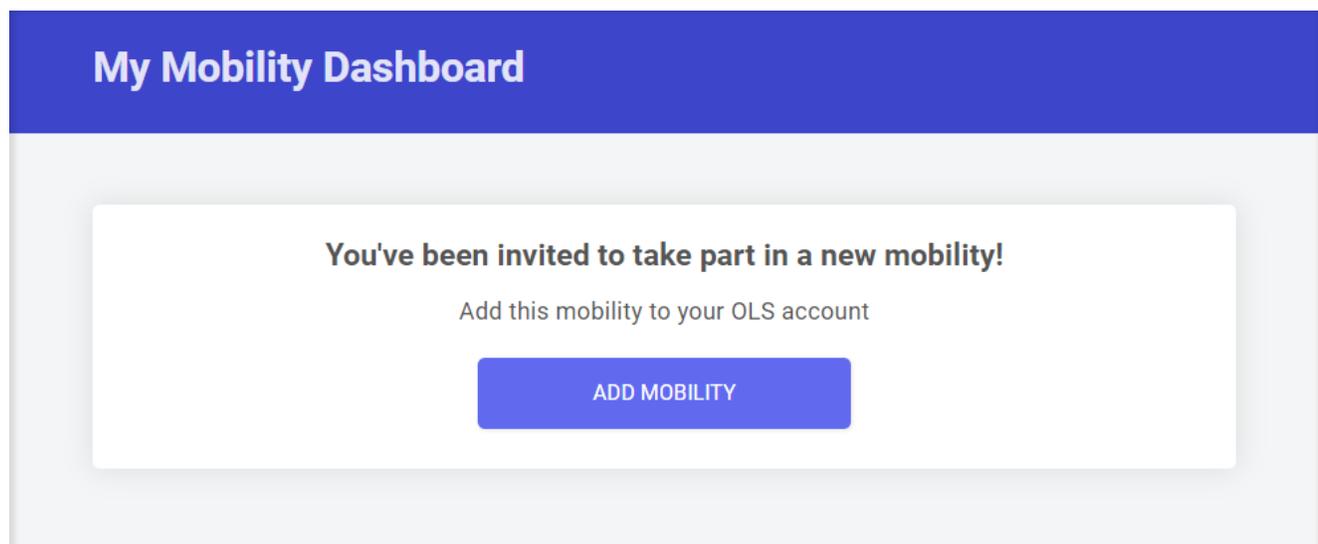
this language is incorrect, please stop completing your profile and contact your sending institution/organisation immediately.

Additionally, you need to update the dates of your mobility period. The estimated dates of mobility are important as they determine the date of your final language assessment.

Please pay particular attention to the return date and note that your mobility cannot exceed 13 months.

Please also enter the time zone in which you will be studying or working during your mobility. Your time zone may become important at a later stage for the live coaching activities available on the platform (if you are selected by your sending institution/organisation to attend the OLS online language course).

Once you've completed your mobility profile, you will be invited to take part in a new mobility. Click on "add mobility" to add this mobility to your OLS account.



The image shows a screenshot of a web dashboard. At the top, there is a blue header bar with the text "My Mobility Dashboard" in white. Below the header, the main content area has a light gray background. In the center, there is a white rectangular box with a subtle drop shadow. Inside this box, the text "You've been invited to take part in a new mobility!" is displayed in bold black font. Below this, the text "Add this mobility to your OLS account" is shown in a smaller, regular black font. At the bottom of the white box, there is a blue rectangular button with the text "ADD MOBILITY" in white, uppercase letters.

You will then be given the possibility of following an OLS language course in the local language(s) of your destination country.

Edit Mobilities

Add online courses to your mobility

As a Higher Education participant, you have the possibility of following an OLS language course in the local language of your destination country. Please be aware of the following:

- Local language courses (check [available levels](#)) are only accessible for the destination country that you selected in your mobility profile.
 - For other language learning opportunities, please contact your Erasmus+ coordinator to check available offers before expressing your interest in following an OLS course.
- You can still edit your preferences upon completion of your first language assessment

Select your learning languages

English

Dutch, French, German

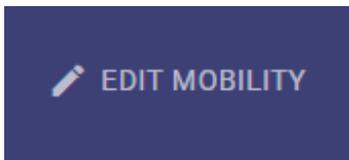
SAVE

Please note that the local language only concerns the language courses, not the language assessment. Therefore, your final language assessment will be in the same language as your first language assessment since this is your main language of instruction/work.

Please note that you need to complete your personal profile as well as your mobility profile before starting the language assessment.

Access the Erasmus+ OLS language assessment

Once you have completed your profiles, an introductory text to the language assessment is displayed. If you need to modify your personal profile, click on "**Edit my profile**", in the top left corner of the screen.



You may find one or several mobility boxes on this page (depending on whether you have multiple mobilities). The mobility boxes are sorted chronologically from the most recent to the oldest. You can edit your mobility profile by clicking the edit icon  to the upper right.

English
UNITED KINGDOM DECEMBER 2018 > DECEMBER 2019 EDIT MOBILITY

1 **First Language Assessment**

START

Available until: 02/01/2019

2 **Language Course**

🔒 Please complete your first language assessment before accessing this content.

3 **Final Language Assessment**

🔒 Your final assessment is not yet available.

There are a number of different buttons on the welcome page:

By clicking on "**Start my first language assessment**" inside your mobility box, you can start your first assessment.



START

- After taking your first language assessment, the results will be displayed on the left side of your mobility box. By clicking on "**Results**", you will find a more detailed analysis on the results of your language assessment.
- On the right side of your mobility box, you will find a notification informing you of when your final language assessment will be available. Once it is available, you will be able to start it by clicking on the button labelled "**Start my final language assessment**". **You are required to complete this final language assessment at the end of your Erasmus+ mobility, in order to check the progress made in your language competence during your stay abroad.** There is no difference between the first Erasmus+ OLS language assessment (prior to mobility) and the final Erasmus+ OLS language assessment (at the end of your mobility). The questions may be different as the assessment is adaptive. Since both assessments are based on the same principles, the improvement you made during your mobility period can be measured.
- At the end of your mobility period (as indicated in your mobility box), you can access your record of participation by clicking on "**My record of participation**" for the OLS language course.

The system will test your audio configuration. Click on "**Click to listen**" to check if your loudspeakers or headphones play the audio sample correctly. (Please make sure your speakers are turned on).

Please make sure that your speakers or headphones are connected and working.



OK, IT WORKS!

[It doesn't work.](#)

You should click on "**Yes**" if the sound test worked. In the event that the audio test failed you should click on "**No**" and another message will appear with a list of actions to take to set up the audio.

After clicking on "**Yes**" and then on "**continue**", you can start your language assessment.

Please make sure that your speakers or headphones are connected and working.



OK, IT WORKS!



It doesn't work.

Take the Erasmus+ OLS language assessment

The average time taken to perform the assessment is approximately 30 to 35 minutes. However, there is no time limit and you may take as long as you wish to complete this assessment.

These different test sections aim to evaluate your communicative competence as well as your grammatical, lexical and spelling skills in an integrated manner.

If you have to quit the language assessment at any time, or if you experience a technical problem while taking the test, you will be able to re-start it from the beginning of the section you were at previously. Keep in mind that once you have selected your answer and clicked on "**continue**", you will not be able to go back to the previous question. If you don't know the answer to a question, click on "**continue**" and carry on with your assessment without selecting an answer.

Grammar

The first section assesses your grammatical competence. This grammar section includes two types of exercises: multiple choice and open gap-fill questions, and contains 20 questions.

The example below shows a multiple choice question in which you have to choose the right option from a list of terms by clicking on the small circle beside each option. Then, you click on "**continue**" to move to the next question.

In the top right corner of the screen, you can view the difficulty level of each question: it will increase or decrease in complexity to suit your language level. The system starts, by default, with a question situated at level A2 (CEFR). At the bottom of the page, you can check the progress of your assessment. Each filled cell indicates the number of questions you have answered, while the progress bar shows the 4 sections you will have to complete to finish your assessment.

Choose the right answer.

- How long have the two of you known

- Since 2002.

each?

you?

the other?

each other?

VALIDATE

Choose the right answer.

John in prison for two years
so far. He has one more year left.

has been

is

have been

was

VALIDATE

Vocabulary

The second section evaluates your lexical competence and consists of 15 questions. Like the previous section, you will have to answer multiple choice and open gap-fill questions, by choosing the right word/s (noun, adjective, verb, pronoun, or preposition), phrase, or expression in the given context.

Choose the right answer.

I have very happy of Madrid. I
lived there for many years.

reminders

minders

souvenirs

memories

VALIDATE

Listening comprehension

The third section, consisting of 10 questions, assesses your listening comprehension skills. Each question is based on an audio extract. You can check the audio quality on your device by clicking on the speaker icon on the right-hand side of the introductory screen. To listen to the track, click on the speaker. You will be able to listen to each audio extract a maximum of 2 times.

Let's continue...

1 Grammar

2 Vocabulary

3 Listening Comprehension
5 questions

4 Reading Comprehension

LET'S GO

We advise that you read the question and possible answers at least once before listening to the audio extract. Each question is a multiple-choice question based on a short dialogue or monologue. For example, the transcript for the question below is: "Speaker: Jim, how long do you spend on the computer every day? - Jim: usually 4 hours during the week but I don't work on it at the weekend":

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Choose the right answer.



Rome was cold over the weekend.

False

True

VALIDATE

Or you will simply have to identify a word or a phrase used in the dialogue as shown in the two screenshots below:

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Choose the right answer.



The speaker likes...

jogging in the park.

being indoors.

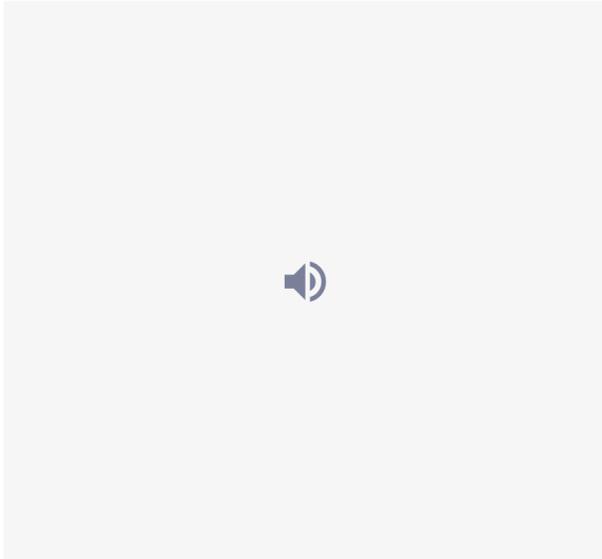
hiking.

swimming.

VALIDATE

You might be asked to identify the communication context of a conversation, indicated by a series of elements (dial tone, the type of language used: "Charles speaking", etc.):

Choose the right answer.



What is the phone number?

00 14 1672 351 980

00 44 1672 351 890

00 44 6072 351 980

00 44 6072 351 890

VALIDATE

Reading comprehension

The final section, consisting of 10 questions, evaluates your ability to understand a written text. The type of text presented will depend on the level of difficulty of the question, and they can include: newspaper article excerpts, advertisements, letters, emails or literary passages.

Choose the right answer.



They have desserts at this restaurant.

They sell broccoli soup at this restaurant.

You can buy Italian food at this restaurant.

This restaurant doesn't have meat.

VALIDATE

Results of the Language Assessment

After you have completed all 4 sections of the assessment, you will receive a detailed analysis of your performance as shown in this result page here below:

Results of your language assessment



LAST NAME

LEVEL ACHIEVED



FIRST NAME

You can understand and identify essential information on simple and routine matters in common social and professional situations.

TAKEN ON

LANGUAGE TESTED

English

View your breakdown of results by skill

GRAMMAR **B2**

You understand relatively complex grammatical structures and the relationship between ideas, as indicated by high-level connecting devices.

VOCABULARY **B1**

You understand a fairly wide range of vocabulary linked to pertinent, everyday life topics and situations. This is enough to get by when travelling, working or socialising.

READING COMPREHENSION **A1-**

You are able to understand short, simple texts on familiar or concrete topics, as well as very simple sentences directly related to your immediate needs.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION **A1-**

You can recognise very simple words and phrases concerning yourself, your family and your immediate surroundings, when people speak slowly and clearly.

On the upper left-hand part of the screen, your overall language level is indicated according to the CEFR, along with a brief description of the level obtained. The illustration on the right-hand side indicates where you currently are on your language learning journey.

Congratulations

Your level in
{{studylanguage}} is:



You are a beginner and you are taking your first steps in the language.

[CEFR](#)

Grammar **A1-**

You are a beginner and you are taking your first steps in the language.

Vocabulary **A1-**

You are a beginner and you are taking your first steps in the language.

Listening comprehension **A1-**

You are a beginner and you are taking your first steps in the language.

Reading comprehension **A1-**

You are a beginner and you are taking your first steps in the language.

CONTINUER

In the centre of the page, you can see more detailed feedback for each language competence.

View your breakdown of results by skill

GRAMMAR **B2**

You understand relatively complex grammatical structures and the relationship between ideas, as indicated by high-level connecting devices.

READING COMPREHENSION **A1-**

You are able to understand short, simple texts on familiar or concrete topics, as well as very simple sentences directly related to your immediate needs.

VOCABULARY **B1**

You understand a fairly wide range of vocabulary linked to pertinent, everyday life topics and situations. This is enough to get by when travelling, working or socialising.

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You can recognise very simple words and phrases concerning yourself, your family and your immediate surroundings, when people speak slowly and clearly.

By clicking on "**Save and print your evaluation report**" you will be able to print out a screenshot of your assessment results.



1 First Language Assessment

You have finished your assessment. Your level: A1-

[Download your results](#) 

You will also be able to download a PDF file of your results on your welcome page by clicking on the “My first language assessment results” button, situated at the top of the page. Please also keep in mind that you cannot repeat your language assessment once you have completed it and received your results.

This might be a good opportunity to make the most of your assessment. We recommend you update your CV with your recent language level.

Only you and the institution/organisation in charge of your selection or coordinating your EVS project will receive the results of your language assessment. For Higher Education students and trainees, results will not be communicated to the receiving institution/organisation. For EVS volunteers and VET learners, results will not be communicated automatically to other organisation(s) in the project.

The results of the Erasmus+ OLS language assessments do not prevent anyone from taking part in the Erasmus+ mobility programme. Results may be used by the sending institution/coordinating organisation to identify the participants most in need of linguistic support.

At the end of your Erasmus+ mobility period, you are required to complete another language assessment to check the progress made in your language competence during your stay abroad. On your welcome page, you will find a notification informing you of when your final language assessment will be available.



1 First Language Assessment

You have finished your assessment. Your level: A1

[Download your results](#) 

2 Language Course

START

You now have access to your language course.

3 Final Language Assessment

START

Available until: 30/11/2018

Once it is available, you will be able to start it by clicking on the “Start my final language assessment” button at the top of your home page. There is no difference between the first Erasmus+ OLS language assessment (prior to mobility) and the final Erasmus+ OLS language assessment (at the end of your mobility), however the questions may be different as the assessment is adaptive. Since both assessments are based on the same methodology, the improvement you made during your mobility period can be measured.

You will be able to download the PDF file of your final language assessment results by clicking on the “My final language assessment results” button, located on your welcome page.

There are no negative repercussions if your language level has not changed during your Erasmus+ mobility programme.

The European Commission may use aggregated data of language assessment results for statistical purposes.

Support

If you encounter problems while you are taking the language assessment, contact our technical support team by clicking on **“Report a problem”** in the upper right-hand corner at any time during the language assessment. If you encounter any problems while you are taking the language assessment on the OLS app, please quit the assessment and contact our technical support team by clicking on “Report a problem”.

[My Mobility Dashboard](#)

[Profile](#)

[Help](#)



[English \(English\) ▾](#)

[LOG OUT](#) 

Data Protection

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OVH, 2 rue Kellermann – 59100 Roubaix – France

OLS Code of Conduct

By registering on the OLS you agree on the basic principle that the OLS is a community of mobility participants based on trust and cooperation.

The OLS team advises you to:

- Ensure that the pictures you upload (to your profile area) do not infringe any copyright.
- When posting a comment in the forum, ensure that your comment is relevant to the original post. Inappropriate comments are not permitted and are subject to reporting.
- Be sure that messages you post in forums are consistent with the topic of the forum.
- Refrain from using abusive language and be respectful of each other.

It is strictly prohibited to use the OLS for commercial purposes. Any company, initiative, event or software with a commercial intent will be removed.

The OLS team cares about the mobility participants and will make sure that any abuse of the above code of conduct is not tolerated.

Privacy Statement

The following statement explains our policy regarding the processing of your personal data.

Overview

The Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support (hereinafter "OLS") is an initiative of the European Union. It is part of Erasmus+, the EU programme for Education, Training, Youth and Sport. It is steered by the European Commission and implemented by its Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (hereinafter "EACEA").

The OLS is dedicated to respecting the privacy of its users. It provides a secured and safe environment for mobility participants to learn foreign languages. The following statement outlines the policies by which the OLS collects, manages and uses the data provided by its

users.

As the OLS – which encompasses the licence management tool, the language assessment, as well as the language courses – collects and further processes personal data, it is subject to Regulation (EC) no 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 December 2000 on the protection of individuals with regard to the processing of personal data by the European Community institutions and bodies and on the free movement of such data [OJ L8 of 12.1.2001, p. 1.].

The various tools present on the OLS allow users to submit information in order to participate to OLS activities. When registering online and submitting other information, the data is collected and further processed for the purposes detailed hereafter under point 1. The relevant processing operations thereof are under the responsibility of the Data Controller, who is the Head of Unit A1 - Erasmus+: Schools, Prospective Initiatives, Programme Coordination at EACEA (see point 6 below for contact information).

What personal information do we collect, and for what purpose?

(a) Information relating to mobility participants:

The National Agencies, beneficiary institutions and the European Commission's DG EAC transmits some personal data to the EACEA, such as your e-mail address. The following information may then be collected directly from you by the EACEA through the OLS tool.

Mandatory registrant data: last name, first name, gender, contact e-mail, nationality, year of birth, mother tongue, type of mobility, language to test, country of destination, estimated start of the mobility, sending institution, mobility period, time zone, estimated end of the mobility.

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Other optional data submitted by mobility participants on the OLS (e.g., messages in forums, online discussions and threads, files and pictures). Not providing these optional data will not put the participants in a disadvantaged position.

(b) Information relative to staff of National Agencies and Erasmus+ sending institutions/organisations are provided by these institutions and DG EAC to EACEA:

Institutional data: Project number, PIC number, project name, project start date, project end date, project contact person, project contact telephone number, project contact e-mail, number of licences for language assessments and number of licences for language courses.

(c) Purpose of the processing:

The OLS purpose is to provide a scheme for measuring progress in language competences through mobility. The other objective relates to the support of language learning prior to and during the mobility period, to the level which is useful for participant's purpose.

More specifically, the data processing is necessary to:

- enable OLS to function;
- allow OLS registrants to communicate and collaborate in the spirit of mutual trust and respect; and,
- extract aggregate data for statistical purposes.

Who has access to your information and to whom is it disclosed?

Personal data will never be used for marketing purposes.

For the purposes detailed above, access to data is strictly limited to:

- Other registered OLS users may have access to optional data that you submit, e.g., messages in forums, online discussions and threads, files and pictures.
- European Commission, EACEA and National Agencies: aggregate data only.
- Service provider Altissia who acts on behalf and under the instructions of EACEA: full set of data.
- Data related to individual mobility participants is accessible to their sending institution/organisation having an access to the backend licence management system OLS which can then decide on its use.
- For EVS volunteers, the results will not be communicated to the other organisation(s) in the project.

Whenever possible, data will be processed in an anonymous manner, especially if transferred to third-parties for research purposes.

How do we protect and safeguard your information?

The collected personal data and all related information are stored on secured servers of the service provider (Altissia) for the duration of the contract with the Consortium UCL – ALTISSIA – CLL .

The operations of the service provider's computer centres contractually abide to the European Commission's security directives and provisions established by the Directorate of Security for these kinds of servers and services. The standard security measures exist for the site hosting the Altissia servers, i.e. most recently patched and updated operating

system and software, antivirus protection, firewall, regular security auditing and network security scans, applied IT security policy, vulnerability testing and intrusion detection system.

How can you verify and rectify your information?

To exercise your rights, such as the right of access and rectification of inaccurate or incomplete personal data, you may do this yourself online. You may also contact the Controller (see below under 6.).

How long do we keep your data?

3 years after her/his last login, his/her profile will be deactivated permanently. All personal information is then made anonymous.

Data related to statistics and research purposes is kept for the entire duration of OLS. At the end of the contract, the Consortium UCL – ALTISSIA – CLL will hand over all information and data to the EACEA and not keep a copy of confidential information, documents and personal data in whatever format.

The data remain solely for research and monitoring purposes at the disposal of the EACEA, the European Commission, NAs and Erasmus+ sending institutions/organisations, Altissia, on behalf of the Consortium UCL – ALTISSIA – CLL and other third-parties under the authorisation of the Data Controller in an aggregated format.

Contact information

The data processing operations are under the responsibility of the Data Controller:

Head of Unit A1 - Erasmus+: Support for Policy Reform and Online Linguistic Support

Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency

Office: J-59 06/33

BE-1049 Brussels/Belgium

For any questions on your rights and the exercise of your rights related to the processing of personal data (like access and rectification of your personal data), please feel free to contact the Controller of the OLS at this address: EACEA-EPLUS-OLS@ec.europa.eu

Recourse

In case of conflict on any Personal Data Protection issue you can address yourself to the

Controller at the above mentioned address and functional mailbox. You can also contact EACEA's Data Protection Officer at the following email address: eacea-data-protection@ec.europa.eu.

Should the conflict not be resolved by the Controller or the Data Protection Officer you may lodge a complaint with the European Data Protection Supervisor at any time:

Website – <http://www.edps.europa.eu>;

Email – edps@edps.europa.eu.

Legal basis

The main legal basis for the processing of personal data is:

- COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING DECISION of 18 December 2013 establishing the 'Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency' and repealing Decision 2009/336/EC (2013/776/EU): Article 3 (a).
- 'Erasmus+': the Union programme for education, training, youth and sport established by Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 and repealing Decisions No 1719/2006/EC, No 1720/2006/EC and No 1298/2008/EC (OJ L 347 of 20.12.2013, p. 50–73):
- Article 5 (e) foresees that "[the Programme shall pursue the following specific objectives] to improve the teaching and learning of languages and to promote the Union's broad linguistic diversity and intercultural awareness." In addition, Annex I foresees "The Programme will be monitored closely on the basis of a set of indicators intended to measure the extent to which the general and specific objectives of the Programme have been achieved and with a view to minimising administrative burdens and costs. To that end, data will be collected as regards the following set of key indicators". The indicator under "Education and training" specifies "The percentage of participants in long-term mobility declaring that they have increased their language skills".

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