



Central European Defence Cooperation Language Platform

Framework of the CEDC Language Platform

At the initial conference in Vienna (19 – 21 March 2019), the national representatives agreed to develop the Central European Defence Cooperation Language Platform (CEDC Language Platform).

1. Purpose

- To be a forum of discussion that facilitates a common understanding of language policy and enhances as well as deepens multilateral cooperation among CEDC partner nations and observers in the realm of languages.
- To provide for coordination in key areas¹, synergies and the effective, efficient and economical use of resources.

2. Strategic context

- The CEDC Language Platform forms an integral part of a comprehensive concept of the strategic culture of the countries of Central Europe and, as such, contributes to the strategic culture and language policy of the European Union's Common Security and Defence Policy.
- The Language Platform is the CEDC countries' complementary regional language cooperation forum contributing to other international language coordination mechanisms, such as the NATO Bureau for International Language Co-ordination (BILC).
- The Language Platform supports regional CEDC efforts at cooperation.

3. Added Value

- The Language Platform enables and facilitates, among CEDC partner nations and observers, the standardisation in the areas of language teaching, testing, translating, interpreting and terminological work.
- Cooperation among CEDC partner nations ensures a more efficient use of resources and guarantees high standards of quality in the realm of languages.

4. Implementation

- The representatives of the CEDC partner nations act as the Language Platform's Steering Committee.
- The Steering Committee develops, revises and adapts the programme of the Language Platform including the related implementation schemes.

¹ See section 5.

- The Steering Committee assigns Points of Contact (POCs) and working groups for agreed-upon areas of cooperation to coordinate efforts on a permanent basis.
- The Platform's Chair rotates annually in conjunction with the CEDC Presidency.
- The Steering Committee meeting is organised annually by the respective Chair.
- During the meeting the Steering Committee reviews the past activities and defines courses of action for the following two years.

5. Key areas of cooperation

- Mutual support in the development, standardisation and validation of language tests.
- Mutual support by exchanging language testers, teachers, trainers, translators, interpreters, terminologists and other experts.
- Cooperation in digitalisation, especially in the development of teaching and testing methods and procedures.
- Cooperation in the professional development of teachers, testers, translators, interpreters, terminologists and other experts.
- Cooperation and mutual support in the area of terminology.
- Cooperation in the field of quality assurance, language training effectiveness and resilient language management.

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