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The Action plan for a better command of modern foreign languages

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Measure 6 of the Modern Languages Plan:

Placing the students' progress within a
European reference framework

Measure 6

Modern language certificate

- From 2023, for general and technological Baccalaureate
- Based on the CEFR, in modern languages 1 & 2
- Level achieved in the 4 language activities

Towards an experimentation of a certification in Italian

- Experiment in 2 local education authorities
- Public : 750 students of 15 years old (course with a European and international dimension in general and technological high schools) + in final year (European dimension in vocational high schools)

Measure 6

English placement test at the end of middle school



- Generalized for the second year running ; 800,000 students
- 50% students failed to achieve the level expected at the end of middle school (A2).
Some 32% students exceed A2 level, and 20% are at B1 level and above.

= unsatisfactory results, though possible explanations

>>> Ministerial bulletin 12/2022 on the teaching of English and modern foreign languages throughout compulsory schooling

Ministerial bulletin 12/2022

With over 96% of primary children and 99% of secondary students learning English, reinforcing their language skills is an educational priority.

= By 2025, at least 80% of students will have reached the required level in English by the end of middle school (at least A2).

+ high standards applied to all modern languages

- Practical tools and teacher training:
 - Annual benchmarks for progress
 - Positioning tools

Ministerial bulletin 12/2022

Reinforce teacher training in primary schools + language teachers + CLIL teachers

- Local inspectors provide pedagogical support in the classroom & accompany teaching teams

Local training initiatives

- a peer-to-peer approach based on the actual professional activities of primary school and middle school teachers

- + focus on CLIL in local authority training programmes + complementary certificate for these teachers (primary and secondary)

Ministerial bulletin 12/2022

- **Mobility of students and staff**
- **800 vacancies for language assistants to be found**
- **Teaching/pedagogical management and coordination**

Measure 9

Increasing the number of bilingual and international schools

Content and Language Integrated Learning, CLIL

- Reinforced curriculum ; 243,517 students in 2022
- "bilingual schools" mainly concern German, with 166,969 students

Measure 10: Creating an international French Baccalaureate

The International French Baccalaureate, BFI, replaces the International Option to the Baccalaureate, OIB

- **3 aims**
- **C1-C2 levels aimed for**
- **The new “Contemporary studies” course**
- **From bilingual to 4-language education**

Ministerial bulletin 08/2022

European and international mobility certificate added to the general and technological Baccalaureate

- For students 15 years involved in Erasmus+ or OFAJ mobility Programmes
- At least 4 weeks
- Part of a study contract
- Report + oral assessment



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