

This document is for on-going or starting volunteering projects of 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022



The new Online Language Support OLS was launched on July 1, 2022

<https://academy.europa.eu/>

EU Academy: Learn A New Language (OLS starting page)

<https://academy.europa.eu/local/euacademy/pages/course/community-overview.php?title=learn-a-new-language>

Learn a New Language

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Community description

This is where your language learning journey begins with the Online Language Support (OLS). To get started, click on the yellow button to the right and select the language you want to learn on the next page. Choose any of the available languages in order to improve your linguistic skills.

Target audience

Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps participants

Objectives

Embark on your online language learning journey with OLS!



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Tags

1. OLS has 2 separate areas

- **Core OLS** with **EU Login** for language testing and studying
- **Open OLS** with free access for limited basic level language learning materials

Core OLS – for testing and studying

- During Summer 2022: language testing in 24 EU languages + language study material in English, Spanish, French, German and Italian in levels A1–B2
 - by March 2023: OLS will have 29 languages
 - Nov 2022: Swedish | Dec 2022: Finnish
- Language testing or studies are not any more compulsory
- Access to OLS guaranteed for participants for 3 years after the first login (not connected to the length of the project or mobility)
- Participants can test and study as many languages as they wish
- See the **Tutorial** provided by the European Commission (**Annex**)

Open OLS – for tasting and examples

- open for all without login
- examples of basic level language learning materials in 22 languages

2. How do participants access the new OLS?

a. Volunteers starting before September 1, 2022

- the beneficiary organization sends a standard invitation by email to their participants to register in OLS on EU Academy
- The standard text including a hyperlink to OLS is provided by the European Commission (**Annex**)
- At the moment Beneficiary Module (BM) and EU Academy are yet NOT working together. The organization can't yet link the participant to a project code or BM

b. Volunteers starting in September and later on in 2022

- The contact details of **OLS Learning Managers** (former OLS Contact Person) from the organization that has open projects in PMM will be sent from PMM to the EU Academy
- OLS Learning Managers will be invited to the EU Academy where they will manually upload current and future participants data into the system, to trigger the invitation email to be sent to participants.
- The participants will then have access to OLS learning content as ESC participants, with the benefit that they will be identified and linked to the project code. This will enable monitoring of progress by the Learning Manager.
- Still in progress: An automatic transfer of participants' data from the Beneficiary Module (BM) to EU Academy

- c. How does a participant create an EU Login?
- [Course: Welcome to the EU Academy \(europa.eu\)](https://europa.eu)

How to create an EU Login

EU Login is the entry gate to sign in to different European Commission services and/or other systems. EU Login verifies your identity and allows recovering your personal settings, history and access rights in a secure way.

It's easy to create an EU Login account with your email address using the self-registration page. The tutorial below guides you on how to create an EU Login.

The screenshot shows the EU Academy website. On the left, there is a text box with instructions: 'To create an account, you need to access the EU Login authentication page. 1. Click on the Log In button on the top right of the EU Academy.' On the right, the website interface is shown. The 'Log In' button in the top right corner of the website is circled in blue. The website header includes 'eu|academy' and a user profile icon. The main content area has a yellow banner with the text 'Sign up to follow courses on EU policy.' Below this, there are four columns of content: 'Learn and teach smart', 'Develop your skills', 'Be inspired and inspiring', and 'The EU and you'. The footer of the website shows 'Access EU Academy' and a page number '1 / 7'.

3. *You will get training from the Commission*

The Commission is preparing a training package for managing the transitionary period from old OLS to new OLS.

First modules to be delivered, in the coming months, are:

- **Course 0. Access to the EU Academy (EU Login and authentication)**
- **Course 1. Getting started module for learners**
- Mobility participants will learn how to:
 - Navigate in the EU Academy
 - Edit profile
 - Use communication tools: post in the forum and send private/group messages
 - Take a practice assessment
 - Check progress
- **Course 2. Getting started module for Beneficiary institutions/organisations**
 - Learning Managers will learn how to:
 - Use the EU Academy (specific tools will be indicated)
 - Give access to users
 - Create cohorts
 - Assign users to cohorts
 - Manage cohorts
 - Manage content visibility
 - Visualize data on the Learning Manager Dashboard
 - Extract reports from the Learning Manager Dashboard