

European Language Label 2024

The European Language Label (ELL) highlights and rewards initiatives that are focused on language learning or promotion. It is open to any Non-Erasmus+ and Erasmus+ project, with a strong language element.

Award Principles and Thematic Priorities

Your application for the ELL will be assessed based on three Award Principles:

1. **Thematic priorities**
2. **Comprehensive and creative approach**
3. **Impact and dissemination.**

In Ireland, the 2023-2024 Call for the ELL has the below **thematic priorities**:

- A. Supporting newly arrived migrants and displaced children and young people in their language learning needs.
- B. Professional development of teachers to address inclusion and intercultural dialogue, in particular the increased linguistic diversity in the classroom.
- C. Support to projects addressing minorities and regional languages to promote equity, social cohesion and active citizenship.
- D. Language learning which supports the personal growth of adult learners.

Projects **comprehensive and creative approach** will be assessed based on the extent to which:

- All elements involved – learners, teachers, methods and materials – contribute to identifying and meeting that the needs of the learners , including validation of language skills.
- Creative use is being made of all resources available to stimulate language learning from an early age.
- The project explores previously unknown approaches, appropriate to the learners concerned.
- The project is based on the reality of the European Union and its linguistic diversity and use the potential which that offers (for example, contacts across national borders, language learning between the neighbouring countries, developing bilingual teaching options, etc.) to improve understanding of other cultures by means of language learning.

Entries **impact and dissemination** will be judged based on the extent to which the results of their project have the potential to:

- Increase learners' and teachers' motivation and help to develop positive attitudes towards linguistic diversity.
- Has the potential to inspire others in different countries / contexts / groups / fields. They might, for example, be adaptable to the learning of other languages or to learning by different age groups than those originally involved. It could also include digital online tools for language learning.
- Lead to an improvement (quantitative or qualitative) in the teaching and learning of languages in its local or national context. In quantitative terms, this might mean involving several languages, and particularly those which are less widely used. In qualitative terms, it might mean the use of a better methodology than before.

Application Procedure

To apply for the 2024 ELL Award, you must complete the online application form in Step 2.

Entry Criteria

- A. The ELL Awards are open to every area and level of education and training (Early Childhood, School Education, Youth, Adult, Community, Vocational, Higher Education, and Sport). Formal and non-formal, informal, accredited and non-accredited learning initiatives are all eligible.
- B. **Category I** – Erasmus+ projects: that end dates fall between 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2023.
Category II – Non-Erasmus+ projects: that are still ongoing, or their end date is no older than 2 years prior to the date of the deadline for the award application.

Applications for the ELL will be assessed based on the three Award Principles outlined in the 'Award Principles and Thematic Priorities' section above.

Selection of Winners

Eligible entries will be presented to a panel (comprised of those working in relevant sectors), who will select winning entries.

Prizes

All winners will be presented with an ELL plaque and Certificate signed by the Minister of Education from Ireland and the European Commissioner in charge of multilingualism.

Terms and Conditions

You must submit the ELL online application form available on the Léargas website by 28 February 2024.

You will receive an acknowledgment of your application.

Winning projects will be notified by 1 April 2024.

Unsuccessful applicants will be informed by 5 April 2024.

Representatives of winning projects are expected to attend The Léargas Gathering on 9th May 2024.