BETA–IATEFL Bulgaria and the ECML Projects
AFFILIATION

IATEFL, UK

South Eastern Europe Teachers’ Associations (SEETA)

FIPLV (Fédération internationale des professeurs de langues vivantes)
MISSION

BETA seeks to build a network of ELT professionals on a national and regional (Southeastern Europe) level and establish the association as a recognised mediator between educators, state bodies, public and other organisations.
BETA-IATEFL members are

- ELT professionals from all educational sectors in Bulgaria – primary, secondary and tertiary, both state and private
- EFL Teachers
- Teacher trainers and teacher educators
- FL Experts of the Ministry of Education
- Student teachers of English
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Activities
LOCAL EVENTS

Veliko Turnovo, 2009 & 2012

Ruse, 2011

LACS Workshop 22–23 May, ECML
Graz, Austria
INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

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NETWORKING WITH TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATIONS

1st SEETA AGM at BETA 2014

BETA partners at the annual conference
ATECR-Czech Republic, ELTA Serbia, ELTAM-Macedonia, IATEFL-Poland, INGED-Turkey, TESOL-Hungary, TESOL-MTh Northern Greece

BETA at partners’ events
(ATECR 2012 & TESOL MTh Northern Greece 2012)

LACS Workshop 22–23 May, ECML Graz, Austria
DISSEMINATING ECML PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES
(Programmes 2008-2011 and 2012-2015)

- **EPOSTL2**: Piloting and Implementing the EPOSTL
  (http://epostl2.ecml.at)

- **LACS**: Language Associations and Collaborative Support
  (http://lacs.ecml.at/)
DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

- Workshops and talks on the EPOSTL project and on the use of the EPOSTL at the BETA-IATEFL Annual International Conferences in 2008 and 2009

- ECML National Support Event on *Teachers as Lifelong Learners. The European Portfolio for Student Teachers of Languages* (2010)
ECML NATIONAL SUPPORT EVENT

*Teachers as Lifelong Learners. The European Portfolio for Student Teachers of Languages*

- Held as a Pre-Conference event of the BETA-IATEFL Annual International Conference in Veliko Turnovo, 2010
- Attended by educators of various foreign languages
- Included an exhibition of ECML publications and promotional materials
DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

- A presentation of a book chapter on the EPOSTL at the BC Book Launch Event during the BETA-IATEFL Annual Conference in Varna, 2013
- ECML experts and project leaders invited as plenary speakers at the BETA-IATEFL annual international conferences – David Newby (EPOSTL2) in 2010, Terry Lamb (LACS) in 2013 and 2014
DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

- News and updates on the LACS project in the E-Newsletter (submitted by Nadezhda Doychinova, LACS project team member and BETA-IATEFL member)

- Regular updates on the ECML activities on the BETA-IATEFL website, the E-Newsletter, and Facebook

- Regular mailings with information about the ECML activities to BETA-IATEFL members
FURTHER IDEAS

TAs can disseminate ECML projects through:

- Holding ECML book launch events or presentations/workshops by authors of ECML publications (book chapters, etc.)
- Organising local events and webinars for teachers with invited ECML experts / workshop participants
- Encouraging and supporting action research projects (also collaboratively with partner TAs, e.g. within the SEETA community)
- Competitions on subjects related to ECML projects (designing a lesson, course, teacher training workshop, poster, etc.)
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