

**Resolution on the European Language Portfolio  
(adopted at the 20th Session of the Standing Conference of the  
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The European Ministers of Education, meeting in Cracow for the 20th session of their Standing Conference,

CONSIDERING:

- the conclusions and recommendations of the 19th Session of the Standing Conference of the European Ministers of Education;
- Recommendation No. R (98) 6 of the Committee of Ministers to Member States concerning Modern Languages;
- Recommendation 1383 (1998) of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on Linguistic Diversification;
- the encouraging results of the PILOT PROJECTS conducted in 15 member States in an initial pilot phase (1998 to 2000) in order to explore the practical potential, feasibility and effects of a European Language Portfolio.

RECOMMEND THAT:

The Governments of member states, in harmony with their education policies:

1. implement or create conditions favorable for the implementation and wide use of the ELP according to the Principles and Guidelines laid down by the Education Committee;
2. Where it is decided to introduce the ELP, they:
  - 2.1. ask a competent body (such as a national committee) to examine ELP models for compulsory education, to establish whether they meet the agreed criteria, and to forward them with a recommendation to the European Validation Committee;
  - 2.2. ask the competent body to monitor compliance with the Principles and Guidelines at the national, regional, local level;
  - 2.3. create conditions to enable learners to use ELPs throughout formal and informal education;
  - 2.4. assist teachers in the effective use of the ELP through appropriate training programmes and support;
  - 2.5. take steps to ensure that an ELP is acknowledged as a valid record of competence regardless of its country, region, sector or institution of origin;
  - 2.6. facilitate co-operation between education institutions and other relevant agencies at all levels, be they public or private, with a view to the harmonious development and implementation of ELPs;
  - 2.7. monitor the dissemination and impact of the ELP and report the findings to the Council of Europe regularly, and at least once every three years.