











Online Linguistic Support

# **OLS** objectives



To maximise language competence

To improve the quality of exchanges abroad

To measure the impact of Erasmus+ mobility on language skills



## For whom?



#### **Since October 2014**

Higher Education students
Youth-EVS volunteers

As from June 2015

VET learners (> 1 month)

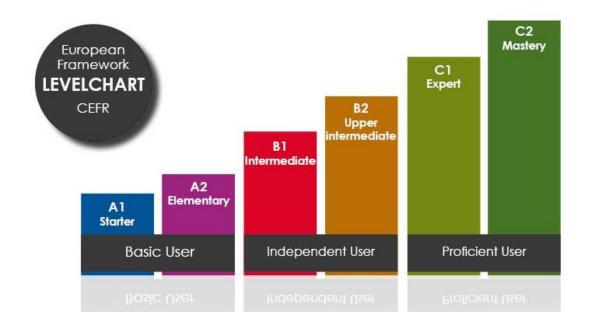


## Languages

#### 2014: DE EN ES FR IT NL 90% of mobilities

2016 – 6 new languages: CZ DK EL PL PT SE

For other languages: support provided through other means by the sending or receiving organisation







## How?



After selection

2<sup>nd</sup>

language assessment

**Mandatory** 

Upon return 1st

language assessment

Mandatory as from 1st January 2015

Online language course

+ Live Coaching

Before/during the exchange

Voluntary



### How?

#### Language assessment before departure+upon return:

- ☑ Evaluate participants' proficiency in the language they will use to study or work
- Not a barrier to mobility!
- ☑ To make the most out of their experience

#### Online language course:

- before and during the stay abroad
- ☑ to improve language competences



## How?

**OLS language** assessment

NOW receptive skills



From 2016 also productive skills

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Vocabulary (15 questions)

ao so minutes **Key communicative phrases** (15 questions)

**Listening comprehension** (10 questions)

**Reading comprehension** (10 questions)



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#### What is the Online Linguistic Support?

Erasmus+ is the new EU programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014-2020. Erasmus+ offers opportunities to study, train, gain work experience or volunteer abroad and one of its strategic objectives is to strengthen linguistic skills and support language learning.

More information on Erasmus+

The Online Linguistic Support (OLS) supports language learning for Erasmus+ mobility participants. The OLS offers participants in Erasmus+ long-term mobility activities (Key Action 1) the opportunity to assess their skills in the foreign language(s) they will use to study, work or volunteer abroad. In addition, selected participants may follow an online language course to improve their competence.

More information on language assessments



## Who is behind?









**EACEA**: contract management

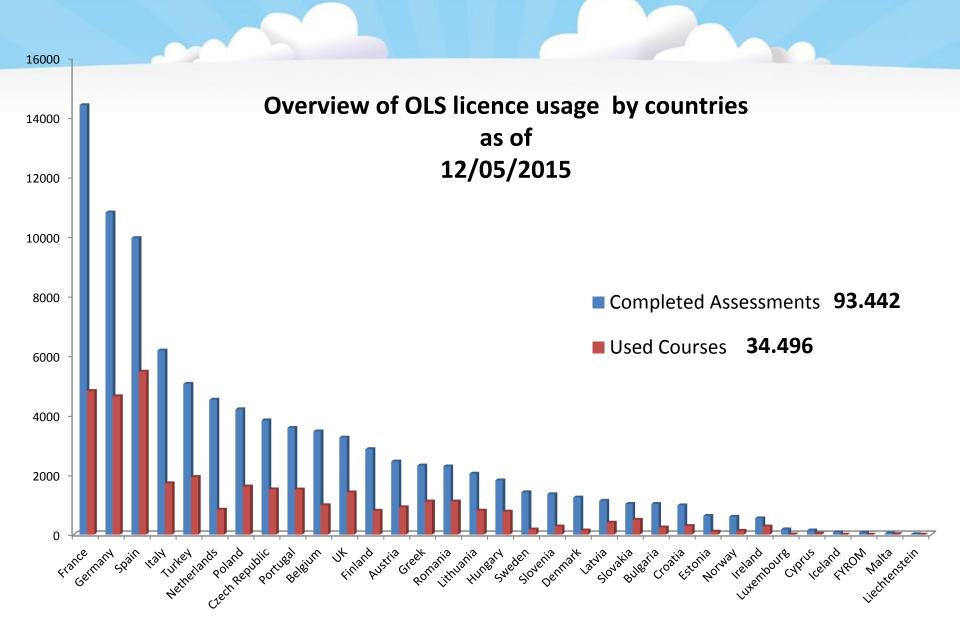
Erasmus+ National Agencies: OLS licences management



DG EAC: overall supervision

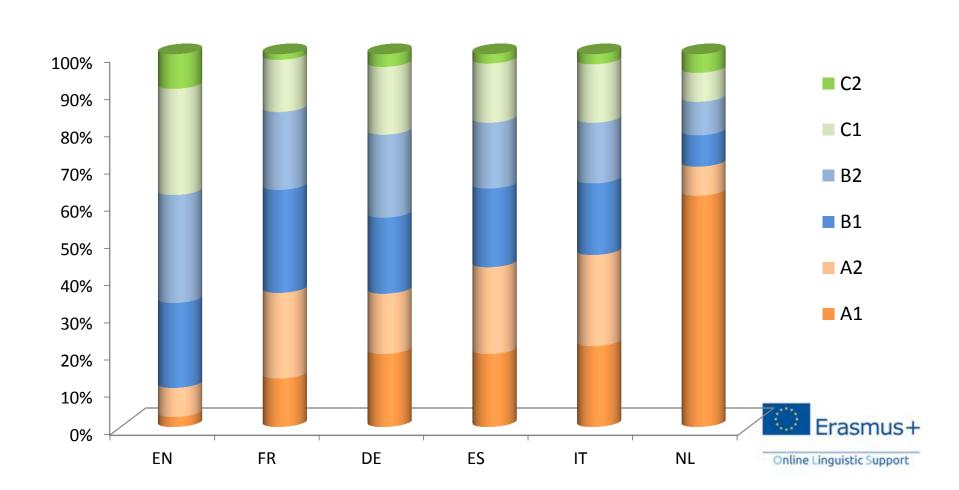


## First results

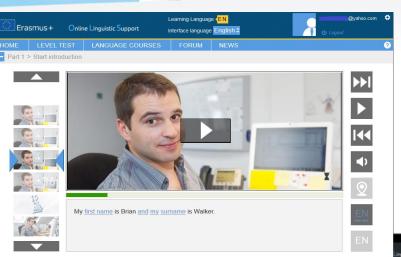


### First results

# Language levels at first Language Assessment 01/10/2014 - 31/03/2015

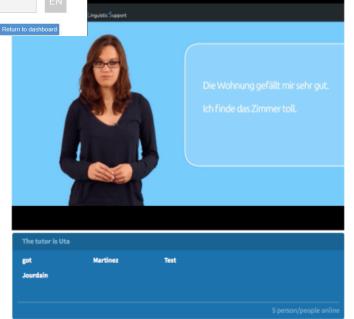


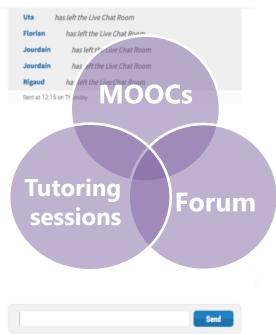
## Next steps



Promote online language courses Further develop Live Coaching







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The European Commission is offering a completely free tool that helps you test and improve your language skils!



#### Online Linguistic Support - European Commission

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