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**Measures of quality control :
linguistic competences
(decision 2009-02)**

By signing the Memorandum of Understanding the supreme educational authorities of the participating countries guarantee the reference level B2 (CEFR) and its safeguarding through adequate measures of evaluation (e.g. curricular demands, central tests, testing procedures developed by the schools on the basis of international certificates and approved by the educational authorities, or, alternatively, international certificates).

Moreover, CertiLingua[®] schools are advised to employ additional measures of quality control, and to mutually exchange those as well as examples of best practice.

On the basis of the CertiLingua[®] schools' experiences it is to be debated among the participating countries if B2-competence can be verified if the language was only used in a continuous bilingual course leading to the A-level, but not simultaneously learned as a foreign language. Likewise it has to be determined if B2 competences once achieved can still be taken for granted at the end of school if the language or bilingual course ended prior to the A-levels.

**Notes on measures of quality control: linguistic competences
(cf. decision 2009-02)**

The use of standardized achievement tests and of portfolio-based documentation of competences is to be developed further.

The European Language Portfolio (ELP) thus seems to be a useful addition to CertiLingua, documenting the process of developing competences while CertiLingua certifies the result of this process.

The basis for a certification are the national curricula in the participating countries.

The *Europass* provides an opportunity to document students' linguistic and European competences who have not qualified for CertiLingua.

The ELP and the *Europass* are thus recommended for trial to all CertiLingua schools.

In the context of advancing teaching and learning processes, the CertiLingua network aims at developing a common basis for the introduction of additional portfolio-based instruments