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**Measures of quality control :
European and international competences
(decision 2009-04)**

The European and international competences comprise knowledge, skills and attitudes. "The Common European Framework for Europe Competences" (CEFC, 2008) provides an orientation for the verification of these competences.

The ability to act in a European or international context requires knowledge about European and international relations. For CertiLingua®, this knowledge is acquired and verified by:

- successfully mastering a subject that deals with the issues in question or by successfully mastering units within one or more subjects that cover the corresponding aspects
- by critically reflecting the knowledge acquired on a sophisticated level

The verification can take place as an achievement test (test, colloquium etc.), but the testing procedure and length are principally determined by the national assessment standards. A compulsory standardized test is not planned.

The applicants have successfully mastered and actively participated in such a project (e.g. a project with students from other countries, period of international work experience etc.). The project needs to be authentic, combines linguistic performance with content learning and is derived from the schools curriculum. It is centered around a concrete question and requires the students to deal intensively and in a sophisticated way with a certain topic (e.g. students formulate their own research question, collect their own data etc.). The project and its documentation comply with the CertiLingua® quality standards, i.e. the documentation is written in a foreign language used for CertiLingua, it corresponds to level B2 (CEFR), it clearly explains the project and its results in detail and comprises a reflection which examines the topic in a European or international context.

The schools are advised to introduce measures of quality control for the European and international competences as well, in order to ensure CertiLingua® standards (e.g. exchange of exemplary good projects).

The partner countries exchange their experiences about criteria and procedures of how to verify the competences acquired and may report on the topic on the next annual conference.