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**Minutes of the Annual CertiLingua Conference 2009
in Eltville/ Hesse**

Votes of the Annual CertiLingua Conference
of 17th May 2009

The third international annual conference of the CertiLingua label of excellence for plurilingual, European and international competences was held in Eltville, Hesse, from 15th to 17th May 2009, hosted by the Hessian Ministry of Culture. 37 representatives from the 11 partner countries (France, Italy, the Netherlands, Austria and the German states of Berlin, Hesse, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, Lower Saxony, North Rhine-Westphalia Rhineland-Palatinate, Saxony, and Thuringia), and 3 further countries (Baden-Württemberg, Poland and the Czech Republic) participated in the conference which also marked the official end of the pilot phase. The conference focused on agreements of how best to continue with the project in the future.

The reports from the partner countries show that first results about CertiLingua's impact on school development can already be deduced from in the pilot phase, in particular as far as the advancement of multilingualism, activity-based language learning, and the development of specific European and international competences is concerned. All in all, the CertiLingua label of excellence proved to be a motivation for students to fully exploit the learning opportunities in languages, CLIL and international affairs their schools provide. The participating schools appreciate the label of excellence as a proof of their efforts to provide their students with international learning opportunities. International companies, universities and institutions are helping CertiLingua to gain further recognition and support. A detailed final report on the pilot phase is going to be available soon. Examples from the partner countries can be retrieved from www.certilingua.net.

The practical implementation of the three competences (linguistic, bilingual, European and international competences) was discussed in the workgroups and agreements were reached concerning the label's future development, expansion and recognition. The suggestions from the workgroups will be collected by the international steering group and prepared to be voted on at the next annual conference in Eupen, Belgium, in 2010. The existing results of the workgroups are available at www.certilingua.net.

Decisions of the annual conference 2009

The annual CertiLingua conference 2009 postpones resolution 2009-05 *CertiLingua Junior*. The CertiLingua steering group is requested to prepare a schedule for the development of a Certilingua Junior label of excellence for the next annual conference.

Resolutions 2009-01 to 2009-04 and 2009-06 to 2009-13 are unanimously accepted by the annual conference in their given form with 14 votes.

The following documents have thus to be regarded as official documents after the expiration of the pilot phase. All CertiLingua documents can be found (in their current version) at www.certilingua.net.

document	language	Document-no.	Link
Anforderungen für die Vergabe des europäischen Exzellenzlabels CertiLingua für mehrsprachige, europäische und internationale Kompetenzen im Überblick	German	2009-1-GE	-
Requirements for the awarding of the European label of excellence CertiLingua for plurilingual, European and international competences at a glance	English	2009-1-EN	
Maßnahmen der Qualitätssicherung: Fremdsprachliche Kompetenzen	German	2009-2-GE	
Measures of quality control : linguistic competences	English	2009-2-EN	
Maßnahmen der Qualitätssicherung: Bilinguale Kompetenzen	German	2009-3-GE	
Measures of quality control : bilingual competences	English	2009-3-EN	
Maßnahmen der Qualitätssicherung: Europäische und internationale Kompetenzen	German	2009-04-GE	
Measures of quality control : European and international competences	English	2009-04-EN	

Document	Language	Document-No.	Link
CertiLingua-Dokumente / CertiLingua Documents	German / English	2009-06	
Antrag auf Anerkennung als CertiLingua-Schule	German	2009-07-GE	
Application for accreditation as a CertiLingua-school	English	2009-07-EN	
Demande d'accréditation en tant qu'établissement CertiLingua	French	2009-07-FR	
CertiLingua Projektbeschreibung	German	2009-08-GE	
CertiLingua project description	English	2009-08-EN	
CertiLingua description du projet	French	2009-08-FR	
Memorandum of Understanding	German	2009-09-GE	
Memorandum of Understanding	English	2009-09-EN	
Memorandum of Understanding	French	2009-09-FR	
CertiLingua Zertifikat	German	2009-10-GE	
CertiLingua Certificate	English	2009-10-EN	
CertiLingua	French	2009-10-FR	
Certilingua – Organigramm	German	2009-11-GE	
CertiLingua organisation chart	English	2009-11-EN	
Common Framework for Europe Competences (CFEC)	English	2009-12-EN	
CertiLingua Evaluationsbericht	German / English	2009-13	
Wahl der internationalen Steuergruppe / Nominees for the CertiLingua Steering Group 2009-2011	German / English	2009-14	

The nominees for the CertiLingua Steering Group named in document 2009-14 were unanimously elected by the annual conference for the period from 1st August 2009 to 31st July 2011.

1. Ruth De Sy (German-speaking community in Belgium)
2. Prof. Hartmund Ebke, Baden-Württemberg
3. Franz Mittendorfer, Austria
4. Kim Haataja, Finland
5. Chantal Junot, France
6. Gisella Langé, Italy
7. Henny Rönneper, North Rhine-Westfalia

8. Katinka van Vuure, the Netherlands

Annual CertiLingua conference 2010

The next annual conference is going to take place in Eupen, Belgium, from 22rd April to 23th April 2010. Additional information will follow in due course.

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