Erasmus +
Online Linguistic Support

Online Linguistic Support for Refugees
Why OLS available for refugees?

**Objective**: make OLS language assessments and language courses available to refugees on a voluntary basis to facilitate their integration in Europe's education and training systems

"Refugee" as per DG HOME's definition

In the EU context, either a **third-country national** who, owing to a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership of a particular social group, is **outside the country of nationality** and is **unable** or, owing to such fear, is **unwilling to avail themselves of the protection of that country**, or a **stateless person**, who, being outside of the country of former habitual residence for the same reasons as mentioned above, is unable or, owing to such fear, unwilling to return to it, and to whom Art. 12 (Exclusion) of Directive 2011/95/EU does not apply.
In a nutshell

- As from July 2016
- Around 100,000 licences for language assessments and language courses (€4M budget) over 3 years
- Opt-in/opt-out at national level
- HE, VET and Youth Erasmus+ beneficiaries with a 2016 OLS approved Erasmus+ project
- Limited number of OLS licences for operators for instruction purposes (Erasmus+ beneficiaries or operators from NGOs/other organisations dealing with refugees)
In a nutshell

1. First language assessment
2. Introductory lesson to the OLS (guided tour)
3. Online language course for a duration of max. 13 months, including:
   - 6 specific MOOCs for refugees as from July 2016
   - access to OLS tutoring sessions and forums
4. Final language assessment (optional)

Free of charge for refugees, accessible from mobile devices with an internet connection
Guidelines

For NAs:

- a **simple notification** from the NA to the 2016 OLS beneficiary is sufficient

- **no need to sign an additional contract**, nor to amend the grant agreement already signed
Guidelines

For beneficiaries: *as simple as possible*

- licences for refugees managed in OLS in the same way as for Erasmus+ participants, in a separate tab
- for higher education institutions: *automatic* allocation of the language course for refugees with a level < B2
- beneficiaries to report on the use of these licences in the final beneficiary report (one question)
Guidelines

- FAQs for NAs

- Annex III.9 to the Guide for NAs

- OLS NA and BEN user guides (June 2016 update)
  - available in the OLS back-end
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Licences allocation process

- **Until end of April 2016**
  NA consultation with **opt-in/opt-out** possibility

- **By 10 June 2016**
  NAs identify voluntary BEN, BEN indicate how many licences they wish to receive and NAs submit the requests to DG EAC

- **June 2016**
  DG EAC allocates additional OLS licences based on the needs expressed and within the available budget

- **July 2016**
  Voluntary beneficiaries start allocating OLS licences to refugees
OLS for refugees

- Same management and allocation flows as for Erasmus+ participants
- Dedicated tab in the OLS
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