

# CEL/ELC FORUM

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## New educational responses to a new multilingual challenge

### European University Association EUA

- Membership of 800 HEI s, from 46 countries
- National Rectors' Conferences
- A permanent forum; a key role in the implementation of Bologna and the building of the EHEA and ERA

# EUA Information and action policy

- Regular meetings, seminars and conferences on key issues (*university governance, research, internationalisation, regional dimension, etc*)
- Programmes on *joint programmes, doctoral programmes; quality assurance, etc*
- Publications ; *surveys, studies, reports, trends,* available on line(*eua.be*); support to members
- Bi- Monthly newsletter

# Language issue

- ELC/CEL has an office in EUA building Brussels
- EUA permanently represented at TNPs on language policy
- Information largely diffused (print +web)
- Dissemination of results, recommendations to members
- EUA, a strategic partner

# EUA Multicultural and multilingual perspective

- Language issue always linked to strategic developments; mobility; employability; joint degrees; life long learning; quality assurance
- Exchange of good practice among members; language centres; European cultural centers;
- Strong invitation to promote multiculturalism and multilingualism(cf Glasgow declaration 2005)

# Institutional Evaluation Program and language policy

- Run by EUA; 250 HEIs visited; supportive perspective; improvement and development; new challenges / awareness raising
- Among key recommendations; implementation of a language policy at institutional level (students/teachers/staff);
- Promotion of mobility through cultural and linguistic diversity(beyond monolingualism); a multilingual ethos

# Contributing to the Europe of knowledge

- Important role of rectors, presidents, policy makers, leaders when addressing the language/culture issue; European dimension of universities
- Openness to intercultural dialogue based on language training; motivation; competences
- Practical action to fight language barriers (beyond declarations); specific language policies
- A permanent involvement; in defence of a constructive European language/culture policy