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A Short Introduction

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**Funded as an Erasmus+ Strategic partnership
Consortium of 8 partners:**

University of Malta (coordinator)	University of Rijeka
University of Belgrade	
University of Bologna	and with funding from Movetia:
CLARIN ERIC	University of Geneva
University of Graz	University of Zurich

Main aim

Tackle skills gaps and mismatches in students of language-related disciplines to create a better workforce.

Rationale:

Graduates of linguistics and language-related degrees are needed in research and industry jobs. Yet, they are often found to lack:

- critical thinking and problem solving skills
- knowledge of research design and data analysis
- project management skills
- digital skills

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How:

- Modular and blended learning
- Real-world applications (task-based learning)
- Innovative pedagogies such as online educational games
- Integrating existing research and research infrastructures into teaching

Learning content blocks

- Introduction to scientific research
- Analytical thinking and problem solving
- Project management
- Linguistic theory
- Text processing
- Speech processing
- Collecting data from human subjects
- Introduction to programming
- Introduction to machine learning [focused on language data]
- Language data science [including inferential statistics]
- Data standards and repositories

Outputs and activities

- Intellectual outputs:
 - Needs analysis ✓
 - Guidelines on research-based teaching (soon to be ✓)
 - Consolidation and creation of learning content (soon to be ✓)
 - Educational games for active learning
- Multiplier events planned for each intellectual output:
Bologna ✓, Graz ✓, Utrecht, Malta + dedicated Swiss events
→ Summer School in Serbia - July 2023

Main expected results

- Prepare students for the reality of the job market
- Sensitise academics with respect to what skills employers are looking for
- Raise awareness among employers about the skills and aptitude of graduates of linguistics and language-related degrees
- Create engaging modular learning content that will be freely accessible to everyone
- Promote active- task- and research-based learning

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