



Online Linguistic Support For Refugees

Who can benefit from the OLS?

The OLS can be made available to **refugees** based on the definition found in Art. 2 of Directive 2011/95/EU.

This includes:

- individuals having already obtained refugee status after asylum application
- individuals having received a positive asylum decision with refugee status
- individuals having received a positive asylum decision with temporary/subsidiary protection or humanitarian protection
- asylum applicants

without age limits.



Learn More!

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What is the OLS?

The **Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support (OLS)** currently offers **online language courses** in Czech, Danish, German, Greek, English, Spanish, French, Italian, Dutch, Polish, Portuguese and Swedish to Higher Education (HE) students, Vocational Education and Training (VET) learners and European Voluntary Service (EVS) volunteers taking part in the Erasmus+ programme.

The European Commission has **extended this service, free of charge, to around 100,000 refugees** over the next 3 years.

The OLS can be used at any time from any device with an internet connection. The OLS language courses include a variety of modules covering different language skills, as well as interactive "Live Coaching" (MOOCs, tutoring sessions and forums).

What does the OLS offer?

Refugees can choose to follow an OLS language course in any of the languages available.

Once they receive the invitation email to the OLS, refugees must first take a **language assessment** to find out what their current language level is.

Upon completion of this assessment, they can access the **language course** (if available at the required level) for a maximum of 13 months. Language courses in German, English, Spanish, French, Italian and Dutch are available from levels A1 to C2 of the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)*. Czech, Danish, Greek, Polish and Swedish language courses are offered at level A1, while Portuguese is available up to level B2.

At the end of the language course, users can download a record of participation and take a **second language assessment** to measure their progress in the language. The second language assessment is not compulsory.

Why make the OLS available for refugees?

In light of the current migration crisis, the objective of this initiative is to support the efforts of EU Member States to **integrate refugees into Europe's education and training systems** and contribute to their skills development.

How does this initiative work?

The participation in this initiative is voluntary. In the participating countries, access to the OLS is granted to refugees who wish to improve their knowledge in one of the languages available on the OLS by **a participating Erasmus+ beneficiary institution/organisation**. The languages available are Czech, Danish, German, Greek, English, Spanish, French, Italian, Dutch, Polish, Portuguese and Swedish.

Learn Languages with the OLS!



How to participate?

Contact <http://bit.ly/NASContacts> for further information on how to participate.