

# RELANG **Constructing and validating language tests linked to the CEFR**

ECML Training and Consultancy requested by the Iceland Ministry of Education, Iceland 13,14,15  
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## AGENDA

### Tuesday, 13 August 2013

- 08:30 Opening by Brynhildur Anna Ragnarsdóttir, president of STÍL
- 08:45 Introduction to the workshop by Jana Beresova and Gilles Breton
- Aims of the Workshop
  - Introduction participants & consultants
- 09:00 Presentation: Fundamental Considerations - Validity
- 09:30 Group work on validity issues
- The CEFR and the tests
  - Tests content and constructs
- 10:00 Coffee Break
- 10:30 Group Discussion on validity issues
- 11:00 Presentation: Fundamental Considerations - Reliability, Fairness & Ethical Concerns
- 11:15 Small Group work on issues of reliability, fairness & ethics
- 11:45 Whole Group Discussion on reliability, fairness & ethics
- 12:00 Lunch break
- 13:00 Familiarisation with the different levels A2,B1, B2
- 14:30 Break
- 15:00- 15.15 Discussion on the levels in relation with the Icelandic tests: B2,B1,A2
- 15:15 Whole group: presentation of the forms A9 - A14
- 16:00 End of Day 1

## **Wednesday, 14 August 2013**

- 08:30 Presentation on Item Construction (general principles)
- 09:00 Group work on quality criteria applied to the Iceland tests
- 09:30 Discussion on quality criteria applied to the Iceland tests
- 10:00 Break
- 10:30 Presentation on constructing multiple-choice items
- 11:15 Group work on multiple-choice items in Iceland reading & listening tests
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 Discussion on multiple-choice items in Iceland reading & listening tests
- 13:30 Presentation on constructing open-ended tests and items reading, listening and writing tests
- 13:45 Group work on open-ended tasks in Iceland reading, listening and writing tests
- 14:15 Discussion on open-ended tasks in Iceland reading, listening and writing tests
- 14:30 Break
- 15:00 Group work on tasks for grammar and vocabulary tasks
- 15:30 Discussion on grammar and vocabulary tasks
- 16:00 End of Day 2

**Thursday, 15 August 2013**

08:30 Presentation of Marking, Grading, reporting of results

09:00 Marking of the Iceland tests : group work on receptive skills+ grammar and vocabulary

09:30 Discussion on receptive skills marking + grammar and vocabulary

10:00 Break

10:30 Marking of the Iceland tests: group work on productive skills: writing

11:00 Discussion on Productive skills: writing

11:30 Discussion: Towards possible new formats of Iceland language tests linked to the CEFR

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Benchmarking of speaking performances: presentation

13:30 Group work in Spanish, English, French and German Criteria for assessing speaking performances in different languages

14:30 Break

15:00 Discussion on the criteria used  
Other performances in French, German and Spanish shown

15:30 Conclusion. Developing the test (ppt) : the key questions

16:00 End of day 3