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TALE - Why?

- to improve assessment in foreign language classrooms
  Assessment has a powerful effect on learning, but teachers often lack training in this critical area. English language teachers need to develop ‘assessment literacy’: awareness of assessment concepts and best practices.
- to provide free, sustainable online assessment resources for language teachers
  Teachers’ real training needs are used to develop useful courses to support improved assessment literacy.

Main Aims?

- effective international collaboration among teachers, trainers, and students to improve language learning
- autonomous language teachers and students
- language learners:
  - make informed decisions on how and what they are studying
  - set their own aims and achieve personally meaningful language learning goals

Who will benefit and how?

- foreign language teachers (from pre-service trainees to the most experienced teachers): more effective use of assessment in the classroom
- language learners: greater control over learning; increased motivation
- educational policymakers: improved educational outcomes
- experts in Language Testing and Assessment: new approaches to integrating assessment and learning

The project will also

- establish a culture of collaboration in assessment
- develop new language assessment competencies
- further professionalize the field of LTA in Europe and beyond
- enhance multilingualism
- enrich and share innovation and good practice in LTA across European educational contexts

Innovative features

- online tools will allow participants to build and sustain new communities with shared interests
- language teachers can form new networks to share information, ideas, and experiences
- modularly designed course materials support self-study and provide built-in feedback