

# European Week of Languages 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011

School No 4 “Elena Donici Cantacuzino”,  
Pucioasa, Romania

# The agenda of the European Languages Week

## 29<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011

26<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Morning meetings with the primary students and afternoon meetings with the secondary students

- 1) Mixed teams present the importance of European Languages Day (10 years anniversary) the logo and a Power Point Presentation
- 2) Singing songs in English, French and Italian
- 3) Mini-dialogues between teachers - teachers, teachers - students, students - students on ordinary themes in different foreign languages (English, French, Spanish, Italian, German)
- 4) The opening of European Languages Day is announced. Mixed teams present radio shows during the big break, every day. It is chosen a country every day and information and music specific to that country is presented.

27<sup>th</sup> September 2011: Radio shows – England

28<sup>th</sup> September 2011: Radio shows – France

29<sup>th</sup> September 2011: Radio shows – Spain

30<sup>th</sup> September 2011: Radio shows – Italy

- Also during that week on the door of each classroom two sheets of paper are displayed. One paper is for the primary students and they have five words on it and one sheet of paper with ten words for the secondary students in order to create mini-dictionaries. These dictionaries have to contain words translated in English, French, German and Italian.
- Writing and presenting some essays about trips all over the world

# European Day of Languages

26<sup>th</sup> September

## The logo



European Day of Languages

[www.coe.int/EDL](http://www.coe.int/EDL)

26 September 2011 marks the **10th anniversary of the European Day of Languages (EDL)** celebrated at the Council of Europe and throughout its 47 member states.

# What is the European Day of Languages?

- The European Year of Languages 2001, jointly organised by the Council of Europe and the European Union, was successful in involving millions of people across 45 participating countries. Its activities celebrated linguistic diversity in Europe and promoted language learning.
- The general objectives of the European Day of Languages are:
  1. Alerting the public to the importance of language learning and diversifying the range of languages learnt in order to increase plurilingualism and intercultural understanding;
  2. Promoting the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of Europe, which must be preserved and fostered;
  3. Encouraging lifelong language learning in and out of school, whether for study purposes, for professional needs, for purposes of mobility or for pleasure and exchanges.

<http://edl.ecml.at/Abouttheday/Whatisit/tabid/1760/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>

# Origins

- **The first European Day of Languages took place on 26 September 2001. It was one of the highlights of the European Year of Languages.**
- On the eve of the closing event of the Year, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe decided to declare a "European Day of Languages" to be celebrated on 26 September each year. This decision was taken in response to a recommendation by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, which had been actively involved throughout the campaign.
- The Committee of Ministers recommended that the Day be organised in a decentralised and flexible manner according to the wishes and resources of member states, which would thus enable them to better define their own approaches.

(<http://edl.ecml.at/Abouttheday/Origins/tabid/1520/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>)

# Useful links

- Council of Europe. Education and languages:  
[http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/JEL\\_en.asp](http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/linguistic/JEL_en.asp)
- Council of Europe. Committee of Ministers:  
[wcd.coe.int](http://wcd.coe.int)
- Website dedicated to the European Day of Languages (EDL):  
<http://edl.ecml.at/Home/tabid/1455/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>

**Celebrate the 10th  
anniversary of the  
European Day of Languages  
with us!**



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Meetings with the students



# Mini-dialogue between students in English language





# Mini-dialogue between students in German language



# Mini-dialogue between students in Italian language





# Mini-dialogue between teachers in Spanish language



# Mini-dialogue between teachers in Italian language





# Singing songs in French, English and Italian languages



# Radio shows





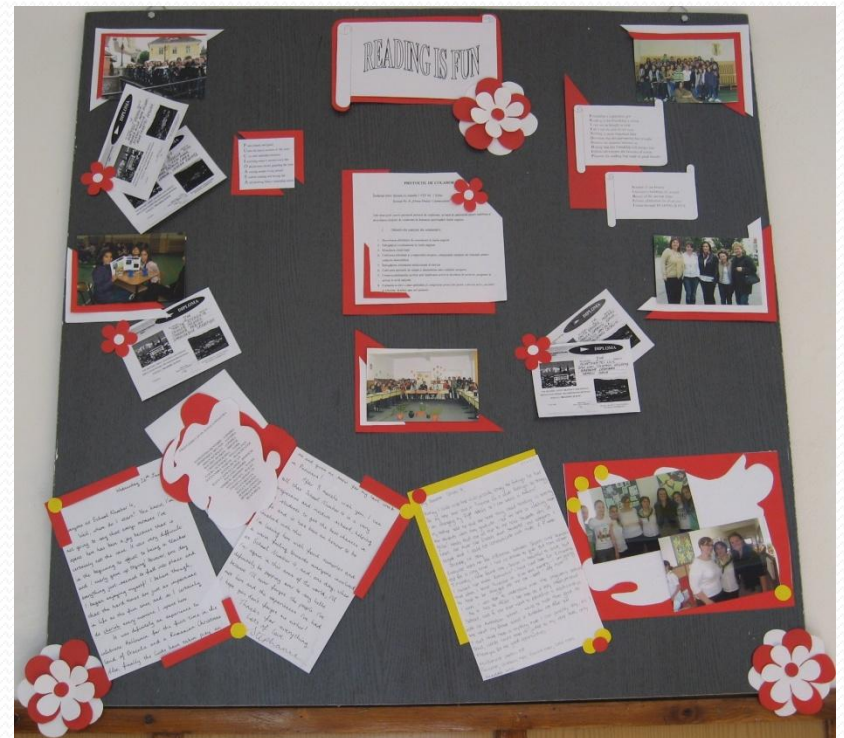


# Presenting essays about trips all over the world





# European Languages Corner





**Celebrate the  
European Day of Languages!**