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**“OPENLang Network”- OPEN EUROPEAN LANGUAGES
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According to both the Council of Europe and the European Union mobility is one of the cornerstones of European society. The lack of language competences is still one of the main barriers to participation in European education, training and youth programmes. With 4 million participants by 2020, Erasmus+ is a unique opportunity to study, train, gain work experience or volunteer abroad (EU, 2013). As languages are the heart of mutual understanding and comprehension, it is essential to promote language learning for Erasmus+ KA1 mobility participants. The project “OPENLang Network”- EUROPEAN LANGUAGES AND CULTURES NETWORK” (2018-EL01-KA203-047967), KA2, ERASMUS+, will develop several Intellectual Outputs and multiplier events to support Erasmus+ KA1 mobility participants as well as language teachers' professional development.

This project aims specifically at developing 'The OPENLang Network', which envisages to connect all the Erasmus+ KA1 Mobility Participants (HE students and staff, VET (at least 1 month mobility), Adult and School education staff, Youth learners, Youth Workers, Youth Entrepreneurs) in an OPEN informal and highly interactive online environment which could support more efficiently their effort to develop their language skills of the target mobility EU languages. In parallel, it will support their cultural understanding and integration in the host EU country as well their success in their specific subject field of study and/or work.

The project also aims at language teachers joining this network and voluntarily supporting this initiative. As a reward for their participation, they will also have the opportunity to get certified professional training on creating, sharing and using Open Educational Resources (OERs). This 'OPENLang Network' will also supplement and enhance the formal Online Linguistic Support (OLS) European service by offering a truly informal and authentic language learning experience which will address the language needs of every European.

University of Macedonia from Thessaloniki, (GR) is the “OPENLang Network” leading partner of the project. The partnership also includes Open University from Milton Keynes U.K, Cyprus University of Technology from Limassol, (CY), and PIXEL ASSOCIAZIONE from Firenze (IT).

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