

Call for expression of interest

Language Immersion Programme

November 2022

Context and objectives

In the conduct of its overall duties related to the Walloon Recovery Plan, Le Forem has put in place a programme whereby Walloon jobseekers are given the opportunity to attend intensive courses in language schools. The aim being to improve their language skills in **Dutch, English and German**, their ability to communicate and ultimately to empower them to find a job.

Jobseekers wishing to participate in this programme shall be assessed through Elao (computerized test + interview) at Le Forem. Once selected, a trainee shall be given a list with details of all accredited schools from which he can choose. No other schools are acceptable to Le Forem.

In addition to this programme, Le Forem funds language programmes for students who have completed their upper-secondary education in order to improve their language skills in **Dutch, English or German**.

To this end, Le Forem wishes to publish a new call for expression of interest to set up a list of accredited schools to help implement these programmes in various countries and regions.

Eligible schools shall have dedicated premises, offer a 20-hour course per week (full hours) during 2 or 3 weeks for the jobseekers and 18 weeks for the students and provide accommodation in the vicinity, as per the provisions of Le Forem provided for in relevant Terms of Reference.

For the students the choice is offered to organize the stay with an accredited agency, an accredited school or follow a free stream.

The purpose of this call for expression of interest is the identification and selection of language schools meeting the accreditation criteria.

The schools are free to send a service proposal for the programme dedicated to the jobseekers or for the programme dedicated to the students or even for both programmes.

Accreditation conditions

Language schools shall meet the following conditions:

- possess a significant experience in organizing language courses in the region or the country in question;
- have premises in a city in Flanders or The Netherlands for Dutch, in the German-speaking community of Belgium, Germany or Austria for German, in the UK, the Republic of Ireland or Malta for English;
- offer quality face to face training in the language of the region or the country ;
- cater for small-size groups (maximum 12 people) ;
- provide quality accommodation in the vicinity throughout the stay ;
- propose socio-cultural activities during the stay.
- be able to provide data of local companies that Forem students could visit during their stay in the country

Practical arrangements

Details of accredited schools shall appear on a list to be handed to trainees. The latter shall choose one school to finalize his language course.

Financial provision

Trainees are responsible for the payment of services related to the language course. To this effect, a grant is allocated to them by le Forem.

The choice of school is the sole responsibility of the trainee. Inclusion on the list entails no obligation on the part of Le Forem (the contracting authority) concerning the conclusion of contracts.

Application procedure

Interested schools are kindly requested to express their interest by sending the following documents by email to Mrs Vanessa KINT at the following address: vanessa.kint@forem.be **and by normal post.**

1. Service proposal for 2023
2. Signed terms of reference

Deadline for reception of the application: **16 December 2022.**

Postal address for submission:

Le Forem / Service langues et communication
To the attention of Vanessa KINT
Boulevard Tirou, 104
6000 Charleroi
Belgium

All applications will be assessed based on supporting evidence, completed questionnaire and signed terms of reference. Accredited schools shall enter into an agreement in writing containing the terms of accreditation by 9 January 2023 at the latest. The accreditation resulting from this call for expression of interest is valid for the year 2023.