**OLS (Online Linguistic Support)**

**Sources:**

<https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/online-linguistic-support_en>

<https://erasmusplusols.eu/>

**About**

**Who can benefit from it?**

The OLS is currently available for:

* Programme country higher education students [studying abroad](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/opportunities/individuals/students/studying-abroad_en) for 3-12 months or carrying out a [traineeship](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/opportunities/traineeships-students_en) for 2-12 months in another programme country
* Vocational education and training learners [studying or training abroad](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/opportunities/traineeships-vocational-education-apprenticeships-and-recent-graduates_en) for at least 19 days

OLS is available for all European official languages: Bulgarian, Czech, Danish, German, Greek, English, Estonian, Spanish, Finnish, French, Irish Gaelic, Croatian, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Latvian, Maltese, Dutch, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian and Swedish.

**How does it work?**

By taking the OLS language assessment before going abroad, Erasmus+ participants are able to determine their proficiency in the language they will use to study or work. Taking this assessment before departure is a pre-requisite for higher education students, to make sure that they meet the recommended level at their receiving organisation (except for native speakers or in duly justified cases). The results of the language assessment do not prevent participants from taking part in Erasmus+.

Participants who wish to improve their language proficiency have the opportunity to follow an online language course before and during their time abroad. Access to the language course includes a great variety of Live Coaching activities, amongst which [tutoring sessions](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6BDRB2YEes&index=12&list=PLJmEREKFYU8U_GYsj0c-nR56iVp4q1ud4) and [interactive MOOCs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cRPnZ_Fph_o&index=2&list=PLJmEREKFYU8U_GYsj0c-nR56iVp4q1ud4&t=2s). Participants who are already sufficiently proficient in the main language used abroad (at least a B2 level) can follow a language course in the language of the country instead, provided that such language is available in OLS.

In cases where the main language is not covered by OLS, linguistic support is provided through other means by the sending or the receiving organisation. Upon their return, participants take the final assessment, which allows them to measure the progress made during their stay abroad.

**How to participate?**

If you have already been selected to go abroad with Erasmus+ and you meet the above criteria, your institution or organisation will send you a login and a password to access the OLS assessment and language course, if applicable.

For further details please contact your sending institution or coordinating organisation, [National Agency](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/contact/national-agencies_en) or consult the [frequently asked questions on the OLS website](http://erasmusplusols.eu/faq/).