

Why OLS available for refugees?

Objective: make OLS language assessments and language courses available to refugees on a voluntary basis to facilitate their integration in Europe's education and training systems

"Refugee" as per DG HOME's definition

In the EU context, either a **third-country national** who, owing to a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership of a particular social group, is **outside the country of nationality** and is **unable** or, owing to such fear, is **unwilling to avail themselves of the protection of that country**, or a **stateless person**, who, being outside of the country of former habitual residence for the same reasons as mentioned above, is unable or, owing to such fear, unwilling to avail themselves of the same reasons as mentioned above, is unable or, owing to such fear, unwilling to return to it, and to whom Art. 12 (Exclusion) of Directive 2011/95/EU does not apply.



In a nutshell

- As from July 2016
- Opt-in/opt-out possibility for NAs
- New action under KA3, negociated procedure under the current OLS call for tenders
- Around 100.000 licences for language assessments and language courses (€4M budget) over 3 years
- HE, VET and Youth Erasmus+ beneficiaries with 2016 OLS approved project



OLS available for refugees

- 1. First language assessment and introductory lesson to OLS (guided tour)
- 2. Online language course, including:
 - 6 specific MOOCs for refugees as from July 2016
 - access to OLS forums and tutoring sessions
 - 12 languages: EN, DE, FR, ES, IT, NL, CZ, DK, EL, PL, PT, SE
- 3. Final language assessment (**not** compulsory)

+ Dissemination materials in all OLS languages, Turkish and Arabic: leaflet, poster and promotional video

+ Limited number of OLS licences for **operators** for support purposes

Guidelines

For beneficiaries: *as simple as possible*

- licences for refugees managed in OLS in the same way as for Erasmus+ participants, in a separate tab
- for higher education institutions: automatic allocation of the language course for refugees with a level <=B2
- beneficiaries to report on the use of these licences in the final beneficiary report (one question)







Allocation process

Until end of April 2016

NA consultation with **opt-in/optout** possibility

By 10 June 2016

NAs identify voluntary BEN, BEN indicate how many licences they wish to receive and NAs submit the requests to DG EAC

June 2016

DG EAC allocates additional OLS licences based on the needs expressed and within the available budget

July 2016

Voluntary beneficiaries start allocating OLS licences to refugees



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