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## IMPROVING COMMUNICATIVE COMPETENCE IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES FROM A DISTANCE

### The project

iCom is an Erasmus Plus project which aims to compensate for the lack of formulaic language-based teaching materials by creating a **handbook** for teachers, an **app** for learners that uses all authentic sources from target languages, and an **Open Educational Resource** for teachers which provides practical teaching materials for formulaic language. The project is coordinated by Eurospeak (United Kingdom).

### Handbook

After researching what formulaic language is, how to incorporate more of it into the foreign language lessons (in person and online), and how students will benefit from it, the Guide on teaching communication through formulaic language, led by Valodu Mape (Latvia) is ready!

You can download the Guide here: <https://rb.gy/rtkxrb>

It is also available in German, Italian, Latvian, Spanish and Russian with unique and original activities in each language!

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## Information about the project

**Duration:**  
Summer 2021 - Spring  
2023

**Project number:**  
2020-I-UK01-KA226-  
VET-094510

### Products:

-Teachers' Guide on  
teaching  
communication through  
formulaic language

-Learners' Mobile  
Application

-Teachers' OER for  
formulaic language  
teaching

### Website

[http://icom-  
erasmus.site/](http://icom-erasmus.site/)

Stay tuned for more!

## Partner meetings

Our latest transnational partner meeting took place in Madrid, Spain, from 18/01 to 19/01 of 2023!



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Spain, Madrid / January 2023

## Looking into the spring

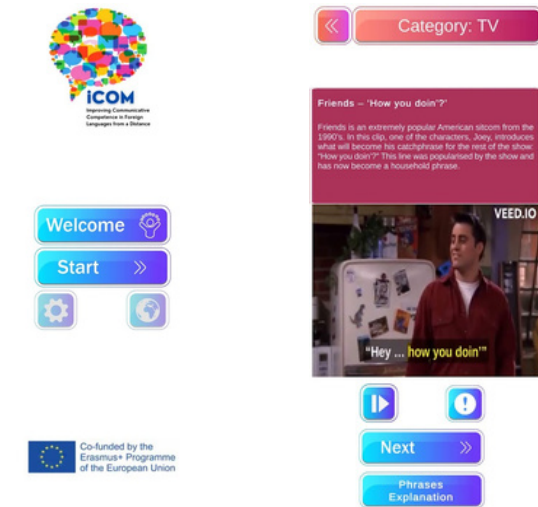
Our project is approaching its completion, with the end of May being the end. In these final months we will be focusing in finalizing all of our remaining Intellectual Outputs, as well as in organizing our Multiplier Events in all project countries.

## Intellectual Output 2: the iCom App

Our app is an Android mobile game that focuses in improving the formulaic language competences in a fun way. It is available in English, Italian, Spanish, Latvian, Russian and German and it includes videos from each country's pop culture (movies, TV series, commercials, music clips).

The users can download the game and start playing - no register needed. They will then be able to select their preferred language and watch videos with subtitles, with the formulaic language phrases highlighted in yellow. The explanation for the phrases, as well as the video sources, can be found in the text box beneath the video. Based on the video they just watched, the users will then have to test their knowledge by taking a short quiz, with multiple choice and fill-the-gap exercises. In the end of each exercise, they will be able to see their final score, as well as the correct answer for each question. We hope that both language teachers and learners can benefit from our app, which is, as always, free and available online.

To download it, scan the QR code below!



Screenshots from the iCom app

## PROJECT PARTNERS

