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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-
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Products:

-Teachers' Guide on
teaching
communication through
formulaic language

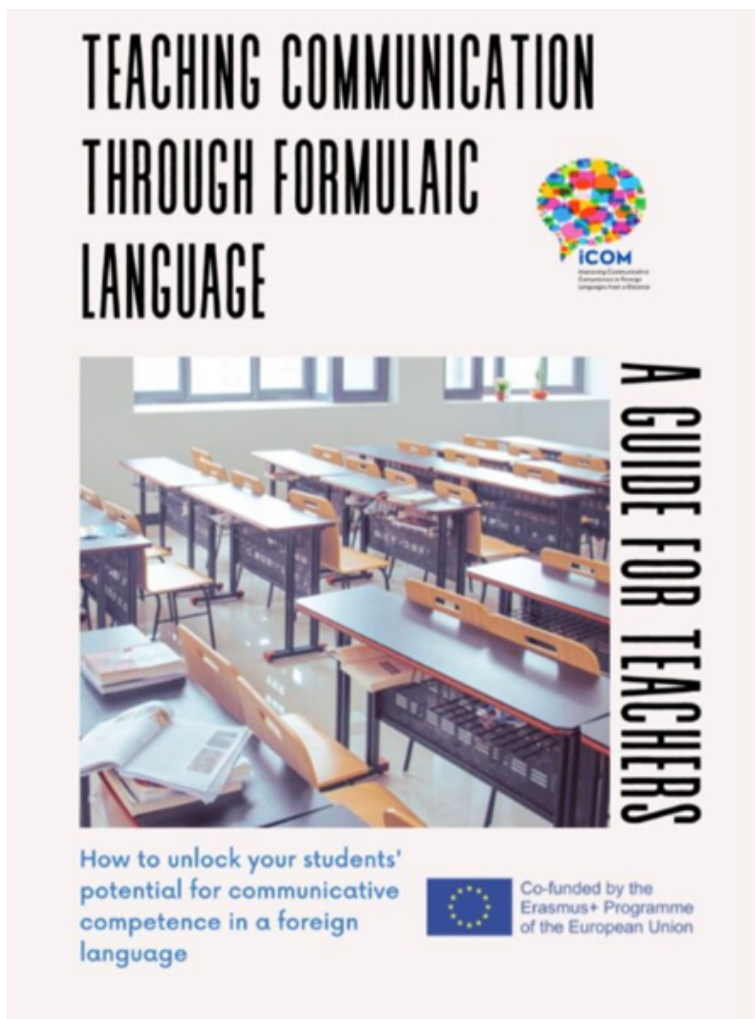
-Learners' Mobile
Application

-Teachers' OER for
formulaic language
teaching

Website

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

Stay tuned for more!



CURRENT PROGRESS

We are currently working on the iCom mobile application, led by Amaita Intercultura (Italy), and the Open Educational Resource for Formulaic Language Teaching”, led by Castilla Languages (Spain). The technical development of both IOs is led by Innovation Frontiers (Greece).

APP

This will be an app that language learners can access in order to practice their communication skills and teachers can use as a supplementary activity while teaching formulaic language, building off the theories and activities they will read about in the Handbook.

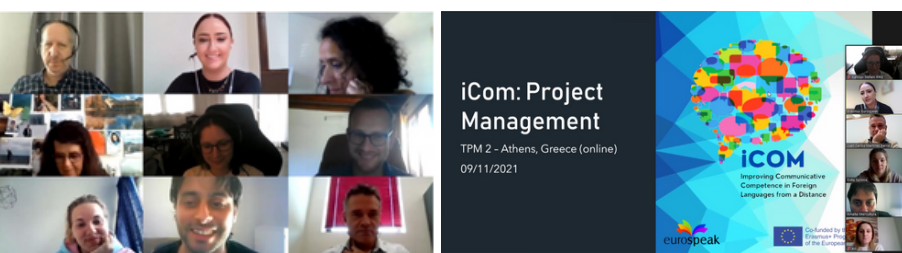
The app will serve as learning material that the learner can access from home, or it can become a structured in-class learning activity given that all students have access to the internet in class. The app will contain videos and associated quizzes.

Open Educational Resource

Teachers will be able to go on to the OER and have access to lesson plans and quizzes associated with their criteria. It will also be possible for teachers to upload materials into any category in the OER. It will be populated with at least five lessons and/or quizzes per language within the scope of the project, but it is hoped that as the OER is sustained, more and more materials will be uploaded by teachers across Europe and possibly the world.

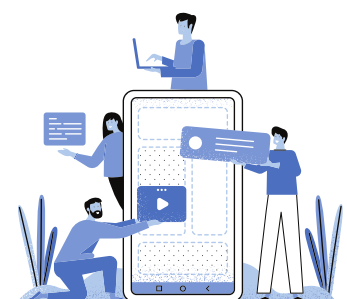
Partner meetings

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our first 2 transnational project meetings took place online. Our first face-to-face meeting will happen this spring, in beautiful Rome, Italy!



Kick off meeting, June 2021

2nd TPM, November 2021



PROJECT PARTNERS

