

Dear colleagues

Following the “book the date” email sent on September 30th, this is a formal announcement of the VIth EALTA CEFR SIG that will take place at the Trinity Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin, on January 27th 2018.

At the Sèvres CEFR SIG last June, a number of participants suggested that the next SIG should include fewer presentations and allow more time for discussion of new CEFR developments. The VIth CEFR SIG will therefore focus exclusively on the recently published CEFR Companion Volume (<https://rm.coe.int/common-european-framework-of-reference-for-languages-learning-teaching/168074a4e2>).

Position papers will introduce discussion by evaluating the implications for language testing and assessment of three main areas of the Companion Volume,

- Updates to the CEFR (changes to descriptors, new descriptors, new scales for literature, phonology, online...).
- Mediation scales.
- Plurilingual/pluricultural scales.

We are grateful to Barry O’Sullivan, John de Jong and Vincent Folny for agreeing to prepare these papers.

All EALTA members and interested professionals are invited to attend this meeting, and are welcome to act as respondents/discussants to the three main presentations and/or as rapporteurs for the Proceedings to be published after the meeting. Those interested should get in touch (nfiguera@xtec.cat) before November 20th. The pre-programme will be published by the end of November, when registration will open.

Looking forward to your expressions of interest to participate and to seeing many of you in January.

Best wishes

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