



## OLS FOR REFUGEES



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# OLS for Refugees in a nutshell...



1. What is it?
2. How to get access to it?
3. How to make the most of it?





## What is OLS for Refugees?

# Support to language learning for refugees

- Launched in July 2016
- Up to 100.000 online language courses in 3 years
- 3.500+ refugees already using the OLS
- Highly intensive course usage (20% 10-30 hours)
- HE, VET and Youth Erasmus+ institutions/organisation **with a 2016 OLS approved Erasmus+ project**
- Institutions/organisations involved can receive OLS licences for instruction purposes



# OLS language assessments & language courses

**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 EU Directive 2011/95/EU, Art. 2:

*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 return to it, and to whom Art. 12 (Exclusion) of Directive 2011/95/EU does not apply.*

# A flavour of the Erasmus+ OLS for refugees...



This 1 minute video offers a brief overview of the OLS for Refugees initiative and explains how refugees can benefit from it.

Available at <http://bit.ly/OLS4REFTeaserEN>



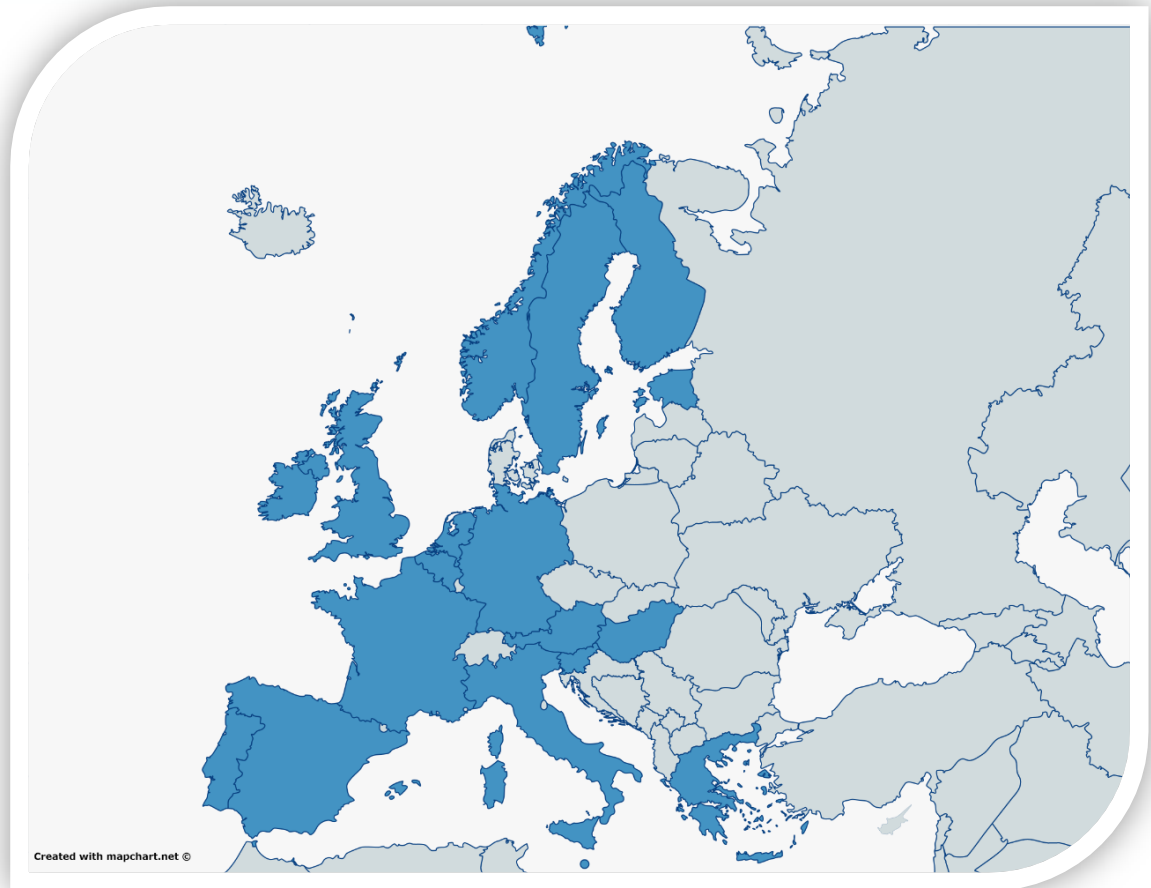
How to get access to it?



# 18 participating countries so far

## Erasmus+ National Agencies

Austria (HE/Youth)  
Belgium FR, NL (HE/Youth)  
Estonia (HE)  
Finland (HE, VET)  
France (HE)  
Germany (HE/VET)  
Greece (HE)  
Hungary (HE)  
Ireland (HE)  
Italy (HE, VET)  
Malta (HE)  
Norway (HE)  
Portugal (HE, Youth)  
Slovenia (Youth)  
Spain (HE)  
Sweden (HE, Youth)  
The Netherlands (HE)  
The United Kingdom (HE)





# Refugees' e-mail & OLS licences

**DG EAC**

Erasmus+ National  
Agencies

*Request licences*

Collect refugees' e-mail  
addresses to invite them  
to the OLS

Participating  
institutions/  
organisations

Refugees &  
operators





How to make the most  
of it?

# Meet Mohammad



The 10 minutes long Testimonies video with the full story of Mohammad available in French with subtitles in EN and FR at [bit.ly/OLS4REFTestimLong](http://bit.ly/OLS4REFTestimLong).

Trailer available at <http://bit.ly/OLS4REFTrailerEN>



# Erasmus + Online Linguistic Support

Make the most of this unique opportunity!

**Thank you!**



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