

ALTE – Association of Language Testers in Europe

ALTE 57th MEETING & CONFERENCE – Paris

LAMI meeting

ALTE LAMI

Language Assessment for Migration and Integration

21st April 2022 11:50 – 12:50 (CET time) 10:50 - 11:50 (UK time)



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Agenda

- LAMI action plan 1B involvement within the Council of Europe LASLLIAM reference guide: presentation of 4 proposed tools (aimed at assessing low literate adult migrants):
 - 1. Needs' analysis
 - 2. Placement
 - 3. End-of-course "horizontal" exam
 - 4. End-of-course "adaptive and transversal" exam
- Next steps and LASLLIAM launching conference
- Date/place for the next LAMI meeting
- AOB

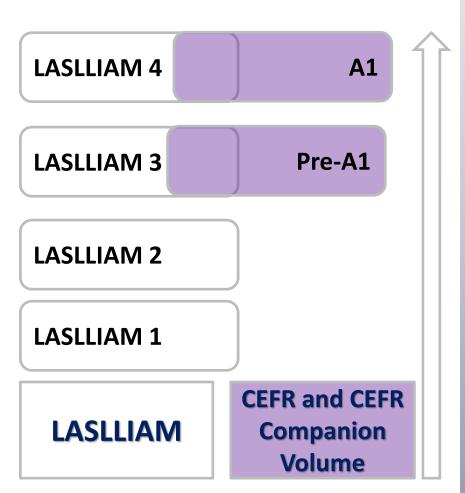


LITERACY AND SECOND LANGUAGE LEARNING FOR THE LINGUISTIC INTEGRATION OF ADULT MIGRANTS (LASLLIAM)

LASLLIAM is a tool describing the simultaneous, interrelated and not linear process of acquiring literacy and a second language



Levels and (uneven) profiles



- LASLLIAM assumes the concept of uneven profiles, which implies learning goals independently of each other
- Therefore, the descriptors are not co-dependent, in the sense that a learner might be at level 1 in a certain 'can-do' and level 2 or 3 in another



- Chapter 1: Aims, Users and Learners
- Chapter 2: Sources and Rationale
- Chapter 3: Teaching Literacy in a Second Language
- Chapter 4: LASLLIAM scales
- Chapter 5: Using LASLLIAM for curriculum design
- Chapter 6: Assessment within the learning environment
- Chapter 7: Validation and Piloting
- References
- **G**lossary
- Three Appendixes: Resources, Scenario, Checklist



Scales and Descriptors

	n. Scales	n. Descriptors
Technical Literacy (TL)	3	59
Communicative Language Activities (CLA)	28	184
Language Use Strategies (LUS)	18	119
Digital Skills (DS)	3	63
Total	52	425



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A fundamental premise

- The shifting of the target learner (from the CEFR literate social agent to the non/low-literate migrant involved in a formative path) implies that LASLLIAM descriptors are learning goals that can only be achieved —and thus assessed- within a learning environment (educational or vocational)
- The learning goals expected <u>cannot be seen</u> as benchmarks to be achieved in designing high-stakes and large-scale standardized tests

"Literacy is a necessary prerequisite for any kind of written test. [...] Policy makers need to provide training courses that support the acquisition of literacy skills, instead of providing writing or reading tests" (ALTE-LAMI, Position paper, 2016)



Assessment tools

- Needs' analysis
- Placement test
- Diagnostic procedures
- Scenario based assessment
- End-of-course exam
- Checklist for self-assessment

Teachers are supported by LASLLIAM to guide their learners in the compilation of a portfolio that can be supportive also for reflective learning

LAMI action plan 1B



Expected outcomes

- SG 1 Needs' analysis + placement oral dimension (from level 1 to level 4): interview within the welcome phase by using LASLLIAM scales (3 Overall and 1 Specific)
- SG 2 Placement written dimension (from level 1 to level 4) by using LASLLIAM scales (3 Overall)
- SG 3 End-of-course (horizontal) exam, example related to level 2 by using LASLLIAM scales (all the 6 Overall)
- SG 4 End-of-course adaptive and transversar exam, example related to <u>level 3/ reading</u> by using LASLLIAM scales (1 Overall and all the 5 Specific for written reception)



Adaptive in the sense that the exam is tailored to allow the differentiation of results (referring to the Written Reception 5 Specific scales/categories)

Transversal in the sense that the exam considers different tasks related to the 4 domains



Next steps

	2021		2022 – first semester					
	May	Dec	Feb	Mid- April	End of April	End of May	Mid-June	June
 Presentation of the 4 tasks 	LAMI							
 Formation of the 4 SGs 	meeting							
Tasks distribution								
Sending of the validated LASLLIAM scales (English version)								
Sharing of drafts/template/issues			LAMI meeting					
Each SG sends the proposed tool								
Presentation and sharing comments on the proposed tools					21 st LAMI meeting			
Revision and finalization in the light of the April meeting								
CoE LASLLIAM - Final approval of the tools								
Presentation of the tools								30 th Strasburg LASLLIAM conference



Thursday 30 June – Strasburg Launching conference (1 day, hybrid event)

A conference aimed

- to present LASLLIAM:
 - ✓ Rationale and contents
 - ✓ Outcomes of the piloting phase (including the LAMI tools)
 - ✓ Process and results of the validation process
- το start a dissemination campaign involving teachers and educational institutions



LASLLIAM as a continuous process

- Second semester: 3 actions
- 1. Dissemination of the Reference Guide
- 2. Development of other teaching materials
- 3. Piloting (in terms of concrete use in learning environments) of the tools already developed

Potential further steps for LAMI action plan 1B?



LAMI 1B – Potential further steps

- a) Translation and adaptation of the developed tools in different languages
- b) Piloting of the translated versions within learning environments (data collection)
- C) ALTE-LAMI-CoE publication (multilingual tools and results of the piloting), hopefully ready to be presented within the LAMI Forum in Madrid, April 2023

In parallel or later on – Development of other assessment tools, e.g. end-of-course (horizontal) exam for L1, L3, L4



Date/place for the next LAMI meeting

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10th November 2022, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic







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