

Title of BIP:

Intercompréhension en langues romanes niveau intermédiaire

General information

Objectives and Description:

Intercomprehension, a multilingual approach to foreign language teaching, enhances receptive skills, language awareness, and openness to diversity by encouraging the comparison of related languages. It also supports intercultural communication in multilingual professional settings by fostering group values.

This Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) is designed for staff who host Erasmus incoming students, collaborate with international partners speaking related languages, or wish to develop intercomprehension skills in Romance languages. The programme combines virtual activities with an intensive week, focusing on practical strategies for academic and professional contexts, including written and oral comprehension, production, and interaction.

The training aims to help participants use their linguistic and cultural resources to communicate effectively in a multilingual environment by speaking their preferred Romance language and being understood by speakers of related languages.

Methods and outcomes:

According to UNITA Label for Romances Languages learning and IC methodologies, the BIP "Intercompréhension en langues romanes niveau intermédiaire" is based on an interactive and communicative approach, centered on the student as a "social agent". Its main purpose is promoting the Alliance's linguistic and cultural plurality through practice and inclusiveness through the development of plurilingual and pluricultural competence, the prioritization of communicative and interactive methodologies and the fostering of collaborative learning communities.

In terms of outcomes, during the training week, a deliverable will be required, along with a scenario-based assessment of oral interaction skills.

Field of Education :

Didactiques des langues/ Science du Langage

Target audience / Participants profile:

Staff

Language of instruction and requirements:

French – Italian -Spanish -Portuguese -Romanian / To speak at least one romance language

Dates for physical activity:

23 to 27 June 2025 during the SMILE staff week

Location of physical activity:

Campus of Jacob-Bellecombette, Chambéry

Dates for virtual component:

- Tuesday, 27 May 17.30-19.30
- Tuesday, 3 June 17.30-19.30
- Tuesday 10 June 17.30-19.30

Virtual Component Description:

A total of 6 hours of online courses (three sessions of two hours each) will take place during the month of May and June. These sessions aim to introduce the training, provide instructions, and explore the principles of intercomprehension.

Self-Guided Training: Virtual activities will be available on the "START@UNITO" platform, focusing on:
a) General principles of intercomprehension, b) Written intercomprehension, c) Oral intercomprehension

A deliverable will be required during the training week, along with an evaluation on the START@UNITO platform.

Organizing Board

Receiving/Host university:

Université Savoie Mont Blanc

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Sending/Partner universities:

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Detailed programme

Participants of the BIP Intercomprehension will be part of a bigger event: SMILE Summer Modules for Inter-cultural and Language Education organized each year at USMB. They will have intercomprehension courses in the morning (15 hours in the week) and will participate to excursions in the afternoon with all the other participants.

1. Planned activities during virtual component:

Total of 6 hours of online courses (i.e., three sessions of two hours each) during the month of May to introduce the program, give instructions and learn the principles of intercomprehension.

2. Planned activities during physical component:

1st day:

- "Getting to know" and "Ice-break" activities;
- Introduction to Intercomprehension for professional purposes;

2nd day:

- Intercomprehension receptive strategies for professional purposes ;

3rd day:

- Interproduction strategies for professional purposes;

4th day:

- Interaction strategies for professional purposes in intercomprehension;

5th day:

- Role Play Activities: engage in interactional cooperative work within the framework of multilingual intercultural work exchanges using intercomprehension;

Some examples of activities organized in previous years during the afternoon:

If you have never visited Annecy before, this might be the perfect opportunity to explore the city! Annecy is known as "the Venice of the French Alps."

Just a few kilometers from Chambéry lies Lac du Bourget, the largest natural lake in France. How about enjoying a cruise together to explore it?

Between lakes and mountains, discover the diversity and nobility of Savoy wines. Once relatively unknown, they now compete with the best vintages and are served alongside the creations of top chefs.

Option for Saturday, 28th June: Savoie is also a perfect destination for mountain hiking enthusiasts. Join us, and we'll show you breathtaking views and landscapes!

Application procedure

Fill out the form of application: <https://usmb.moveonfr.com/locallogin/673b48584575c1743409e697/eng>

Deadline to apply: **17.03.2025**