

## **About your European Language Portfolio**

The European Language Portfolio (ELP) is a document in which you can record and reflect on your language learning and intercultural experiences, whether gained at school or outside school. It contains three parts:

- a Language Passport, which provides an overview of your proficiency in different languages at a given point in time;
- a Language Biography, which helps you plan, reflect upon and assess your learning process and progress;
- a Dossier, which offers you an opportunity to select materials to document and illustrate the achievements or experiences you have recorded in your Language Biography or Passport.

The ELP is your property as a learner. Its main aims are:

- to help you give shape and coherence to your experience of learning and using languages other than your first language;
- to motivate you by acknowledging your efforts to extend and diversify your language skills at all levels;
- to provide a record of the linguistic and cultural skills you have acquired (to be consulted, for example, when you are moving to a higher learning level or seeking employment at home or abroad).

The ELP is linked to the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages* and conforms to a common set of Principles and Guidelines that have been approved by the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers to Member States concerning Modern Languages (Recommendation N° R (98) 6 ).