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Multilingualism, Analysis of the Current State of the Art in Europe and Role of the
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Abstract
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Multilingualism is a key feature of Europe and the benefits of knowing foreign languages are unquestionable: language skills not only facilitate studying, travelling and working around the world, allowing intercultural communication and integration, but they are also an asset in meeting the new economic and professional challenges of the European Union. These important aspects, together with the awareness that belonging to Europe is a feeling which should be deeply rooted in all Europeans but especially in the younger generations, led to the creation of the CMC_E project, which involved a partnership of 6 European universities. The CM_E partnership used the advances in ICT to create an online course which provides innovative, interactive and dynamic multilingual materials aimed at meeting the professional language needs of university students, in-service workers and enterprises. This contribution aims at showing peculiarities of the project software that were the key features for the Language Label prize obtained in 2010. It will also show how this prize encouraged the European partnership to further implement language activities which eventually led the project towards the European Language Label Award won in September 2012 during the Conference on Multilingualism which was organized by the European Commission to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Barcelona Agreement.