CertiLingua® Standards of Excellence in Intercultural Competences¹

European - International Competences

Knowledge of cultural and social diversity

I have socio-cultural knowledge of foreign cultures whose languages I have acquired.

I understand the importance, structure and function of European and international institutions (EU, CoE, UN etc.), in relation to each other and to national/regional affairs.

I can apply my knowledge about communication and regard conventions of foreign cultures.

Awareness and attitudes

I am open to foreign languages and cultures and respect cultural and language diversity.

I can recognise, question and qualify opinions and prejudices of and in foreign cultures and modify my attitudes if necessary. I can form my own opinion about European and international issues (such as EU- enlargement, constitution, globalisation, climate change etc.) and the consequences for citizens. I am aware of which issues can only be solved in international cooperation.

Skills how to interact in intercultural contexts

I can carry out and evaluate tasks together with people from other countries in face-to-face meetings.

I can use strategic skills to recognise and resolve language and cultural misunderstandings and conflicts in different forms of internationally organised project work.

I can act in a reflected way in interculturally challenging encounters and situations.

¹ Based on the *Framework of Reference for Pluralistic Approaches (FREPA)* 2007, http://carap.ecml.at/Portals/11/documents/C4pub2007E_20080302_FINAL.pdf and the *Common Framework for Europe Competence (CFEC)* 2010, http://europeesplatform.nl/elos/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2013/07/Microsoft_Word_-_Common_CFEC_May_2010.pdf .