

Call for Contributions

Following the success of the first three editions organized in Nancy (2024), Marseille (2025), France and Namur (2026), Belgium, which explored the ongoing evolution of teaching practices in the era of AI, we are pleased to announce the upcoming CercleS Training Week, **"Innovative Approaches to AI and Foreign Languages in Higher Education: Teaching, Training and Assessment".**

This fourth edition will build on the previous editions and will take place from 24 to 27 May 2027 in, at the Aristotle University in Thessaloniki, Greece, bringing together language teachers, researchers and educational technology specialists to explore the evolving landscape of language education in the age of artificial intelligence.

Participants will have the opportunity to exchange ideas, share innovative practices and reflect on the opportunities and challenges AI presents for language teaching, teacher development and assessment in higher education.

Why participate?

- Explore cutting-edge AI applications in language education.
- Share your research and insights with a diverse and engaged audience.
- Gain valuable knowledge and practical skills through interactive workshops.
- Network with fellow professionals and create collaborations for the future.

We invite contributions addressing a range of topical issues at the intersection of artificial intelligence and language education, including Assessment in the GenAI era, Decoding specialised language, Languages for Specific Purposes (LSP), Greek roots in scientific terminology, and the critical question: Can we trust AI?

Communications: One contributor is needed to give a 45-minute talk (plus Q&A) presenting how AI is transforming the collaboration between specialized language (LSP) teachers and disciplinary specialists, and how this collaboration can become a lever for creativity and pedagogical innovation in the face of the rapid evolution of AI.

Workshops: We are also looking for 6 contributors to lead 90-minute interactive workshops, each comprising a 30-minute presentation followed by 60 minutes of hands-on activities, discussion and feedback. Participants will work on how teachers and specialists can jointly design new educational practices, when AI tools are evolving faster than their teaching methods.

Submission guidelines

- Abstracts should be submitted **by 31 January 2027** to
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- Workshops (300 words) should outline the format, objectives, and materials required
- Communications (500 words) should provide a clear and concise overview of your topic

Important Dates

- Submission deadline: 31 January 2027
- Notification of acceptance: 20 February 2027
- Event dates: 24 to 27 May 2027

Venue

3rd September – University Campus
54636, Thessaloniki, Greece

Your participation is crucial to the success of this event. We are looking forward to your contributions and to seeing you in Thessaloniki.

For any inquiries or more information, please contact us (see e-mails above).