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The Triple E –  
Education for Empowerment and Employability –  
is that not what CLIL is all about?



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# Overview



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empowerment



# Overture – 3 leitmotifs

“The priority of all priorities is employability and employment.”  
(*Pierre Mairesse*)

“Using language is  
doing things with words.”  
(*John Austin*)

action-oriented

“Every teacher is  
a language teacher.”  
(*Bullock & Common sense*)

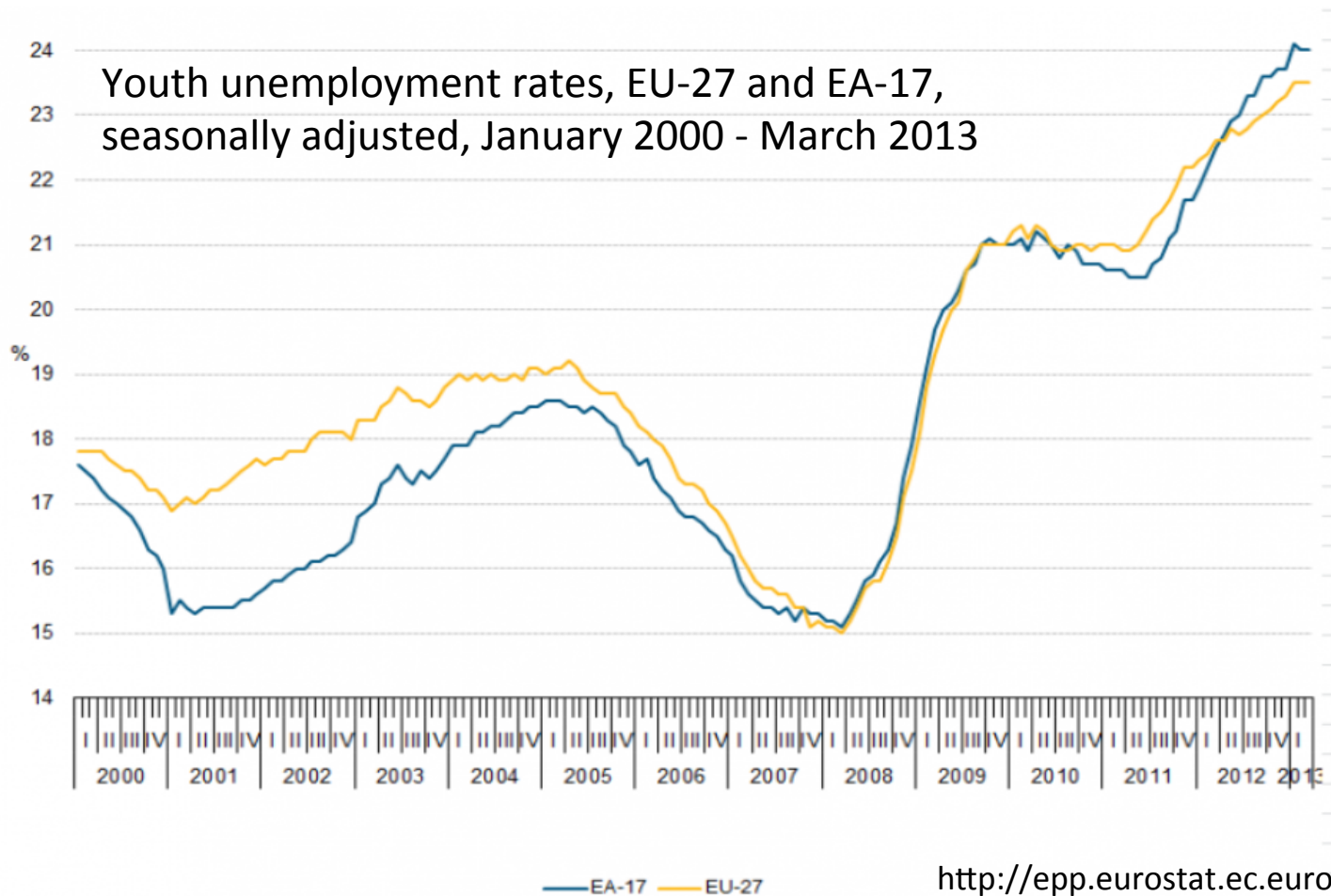
interdisciplinary

“On n’habite pas un pays,  
on habite ses langues.”  
(*Christine Albanel*)

aware of languages and self

(Language)  
Education  
for  
Empowerment

# Facts, pure facts ...



# Destination “Employability”

Today's graduates will ...

- ... change jobs seven times and careers three times during their actual working life (Maund, 2001),
- ... see that the share of jobs held by the highly-qualified will increase from 29 to 35% at the expense of those held by low-qualified workers (CEDEFOP 2010).



Education targeted at  
THE CUTTING EDGE

THE CUTTING EDGE ??

## LEARNING TO LEARN



## LEARNING TO MANAGE CHANGE

*“Excellent skills in English are more and more important but, at the same time, they are less and less sufficient.”*

(Leonard Orban)

*“Languages are at the centre of PROJECT EUROPE. They open and reflect its complexity, variety and very nature. They are the key to its heart and to its potential.”*

(Kristina Cunningham)

# Transversal is key and languages are at the centre

(... necessary for **personal fulfilment**, **social cohesion** and **employability** in a knowledge society ...)

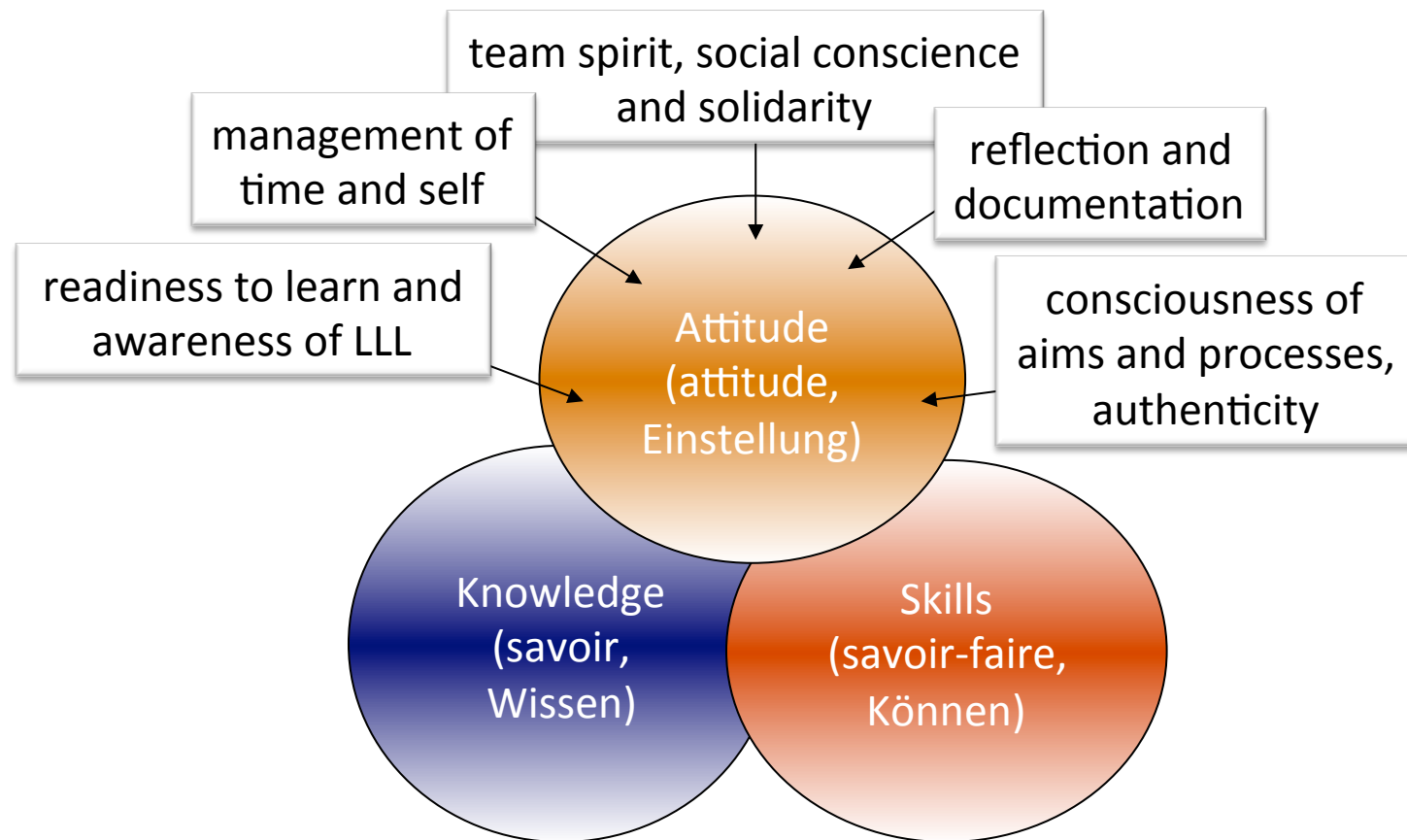


1. Communication in the mother tongue;
2. Communication in the foreign languages;
3. Mathematical competence and basic competences in science and technology;
4. Digital competence;
5. Learning to learn;
6. Interpersonal, intercultural and social competences and civic competence;
7. Entrepreneurship;
8. Cultural expression.

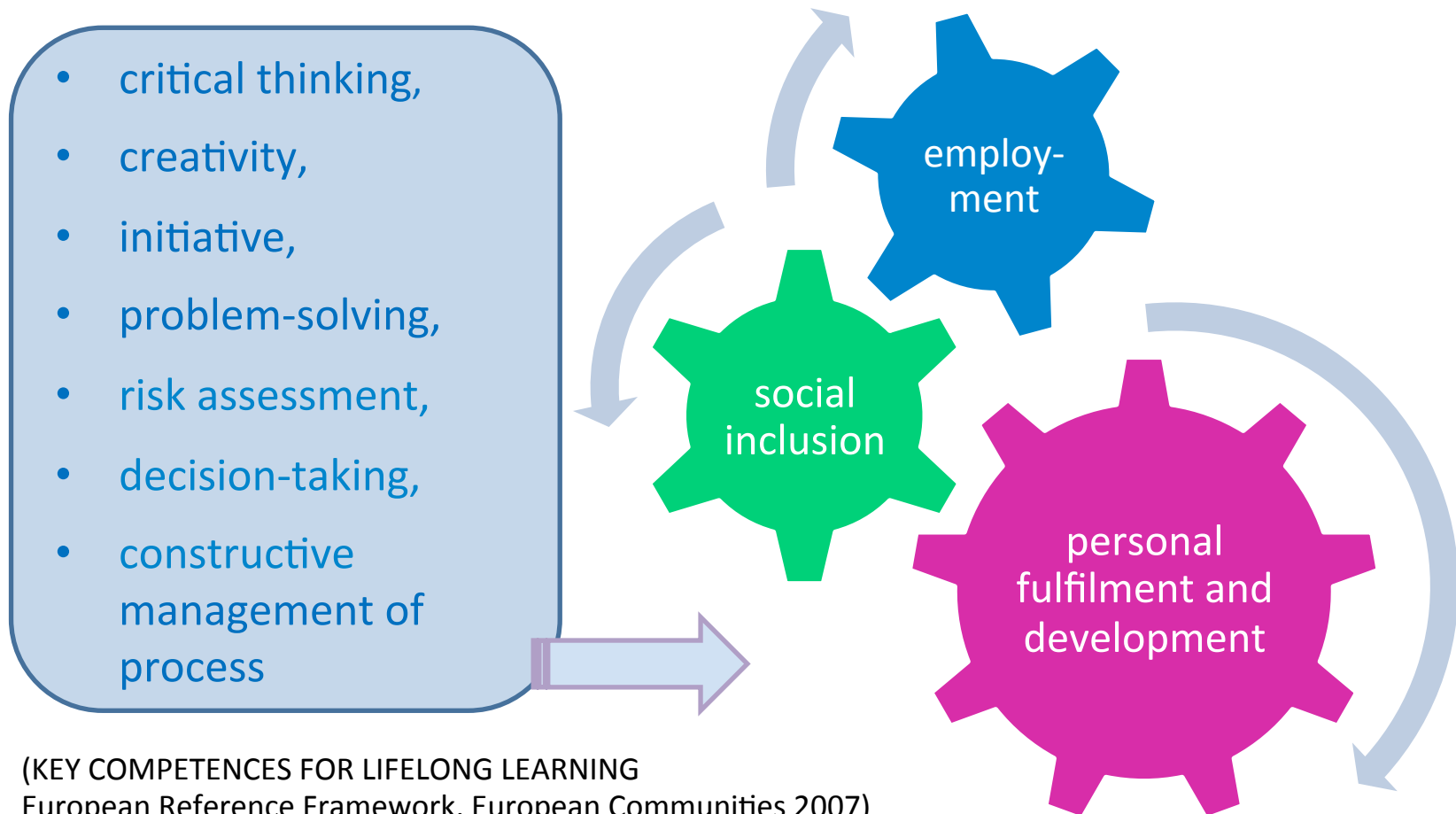
RECOMMENDATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on key competences for lifelong learning, Brussels, 10.11.2005, COM(2005)548 final



# Destination “Competence”



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(KEY COMPETENCES FOR LIFELONG LEARNING  
European Reference Framework, European Communities 2007)

# Destination “CLIL”

- critical thinking,
- creativity,
- initiative,
- problem-solving,
- risk assessment,
- decision-taking,
- constructive management of process



where  
content and language  
meet learning

Learners need

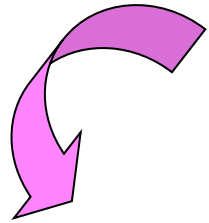
content

to learn

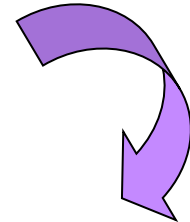
language through which

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# Empowerment



citizenship & employability



**“Skills of enquiry, communication, participation and responsible action**

based on self-confidence, socially and morally responsible behaviour, community involvement and political literacy.”

(DFES, National Curriculum)



Memorandum on Lifelong Learning  
Brussels, 30.10.2000  
SEC(2000) 1832, section 2

**“A set of achievements – skills, understanding and personal attributes – that makes graduates more likely to gain employment and be successful in their chosen occupations,** which benefits themselves, the workforce, the community and the economy.”

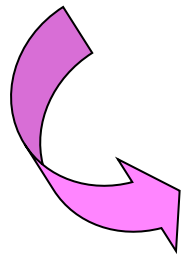
(Mantz Yorke 2006)

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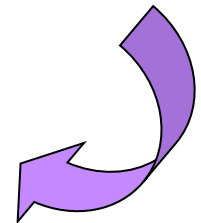
Mehisto, Marsh, Frigols:  
Uncovering CLIL

## community – content – communication

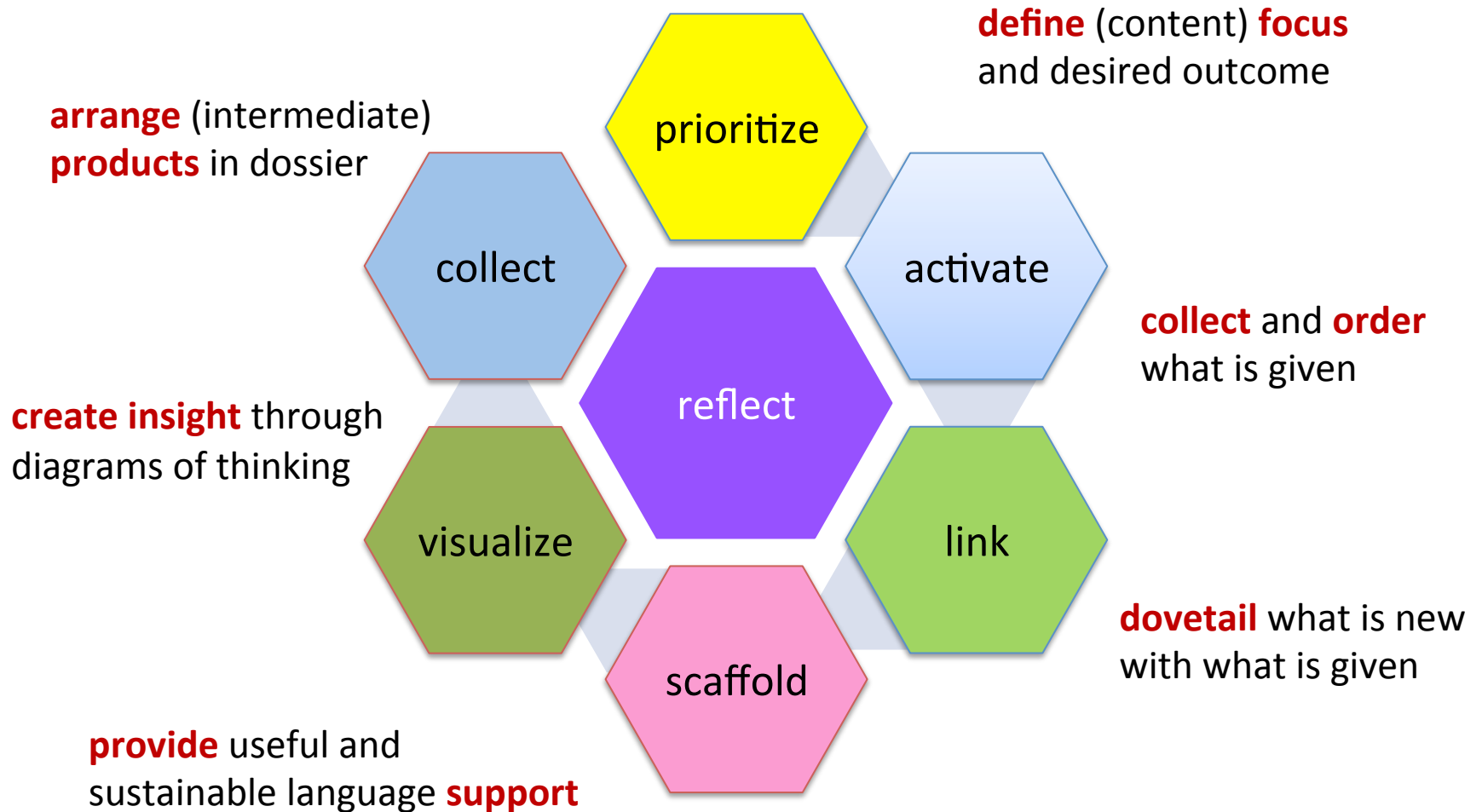
- **membership** in learning community is enriching
- **teambuilding** – balancing personal interests with those of partners
- **self-definition** of role within classroom and local/global context
- content and related skills developed through **experiential** activities
- content is **substantial** without being overwhelming
- cultural content is **integrated** into all subjects
- students actively **participate** in proceedings
- students and teachers **co-construct** and **negotiate** meaning
- students **develop** language/communication skills in all subjects



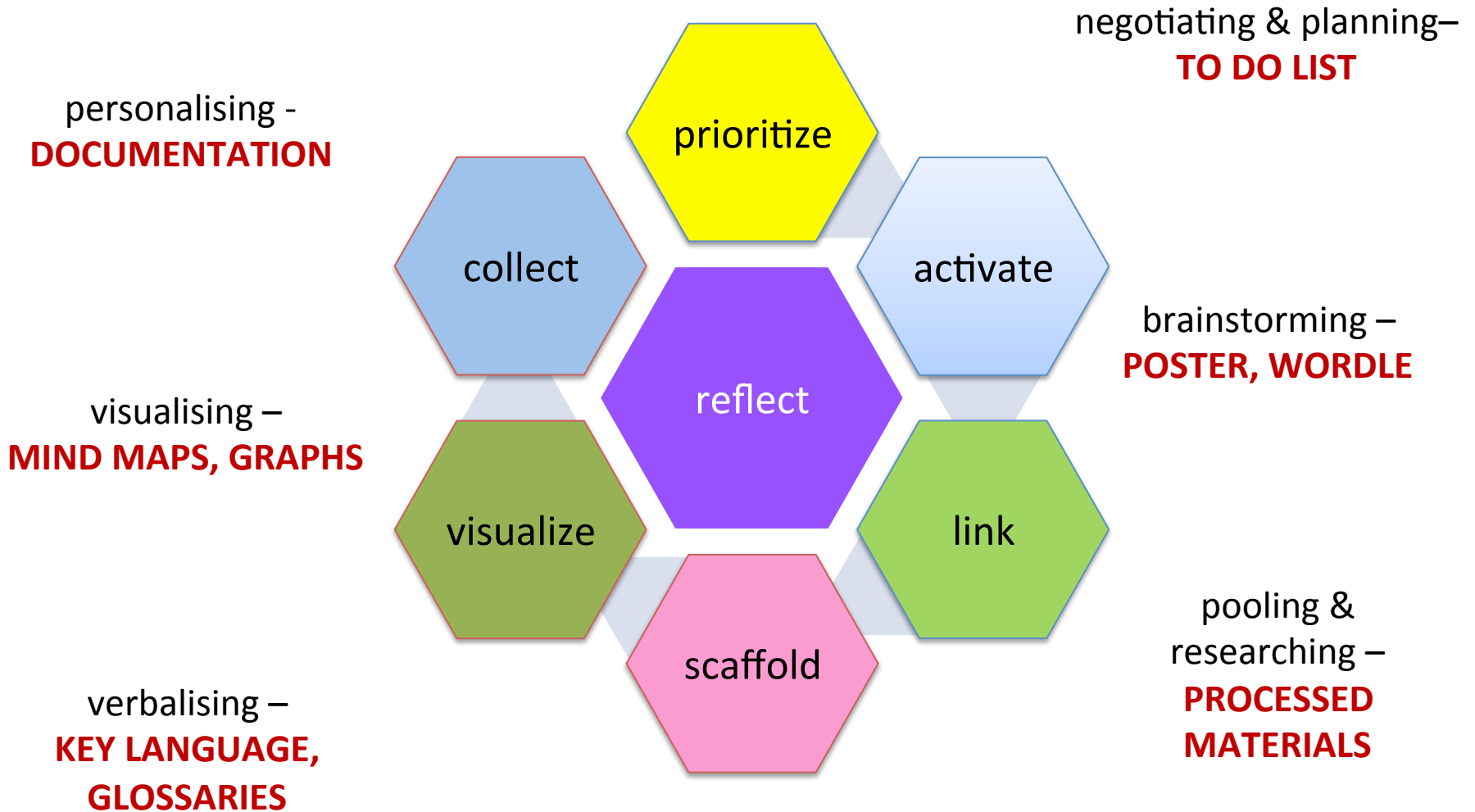
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# CLIL is about doing things ...



# CLIL is about producing things ...



# CLIL is about ...



communicating

searching & providing



cooperating

awareness/responsibility  
of self and others;  
of process and outcome



researching



reading



# The sorrows of lone fighters (and their students)

## The sole CLILer's challenges

### Content teacher using target language

- language barrier
- the linguistically gifted students
- staff room and professional recognition (language department)
- focus on content-specific lexis

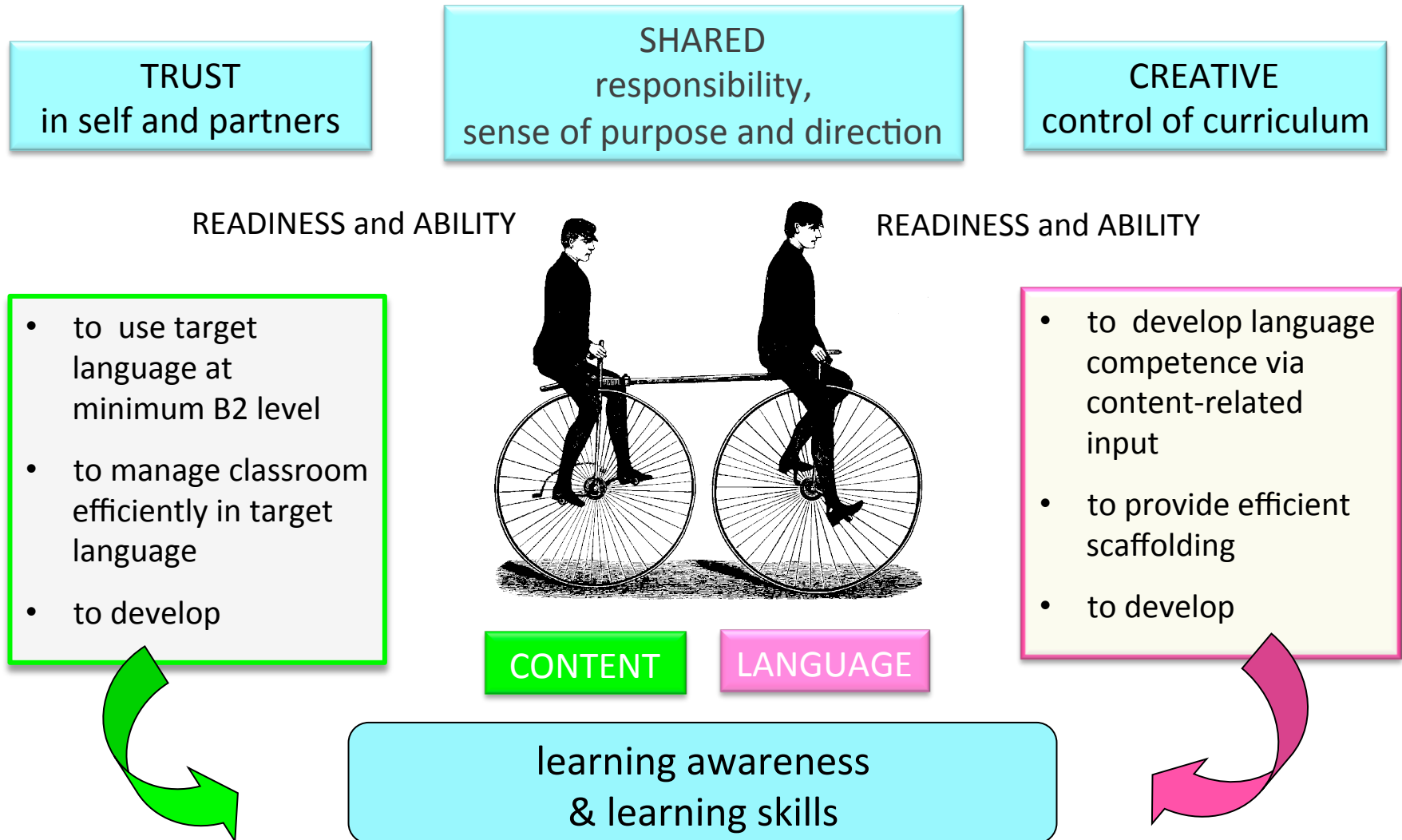


time – patience - stamina

### Language teacher teaching content subject

- language before content
- the linguistically struggling students
- team-building & teaming across departments

# What keeps the tandem going



# CLIL - teacher education – some signposts

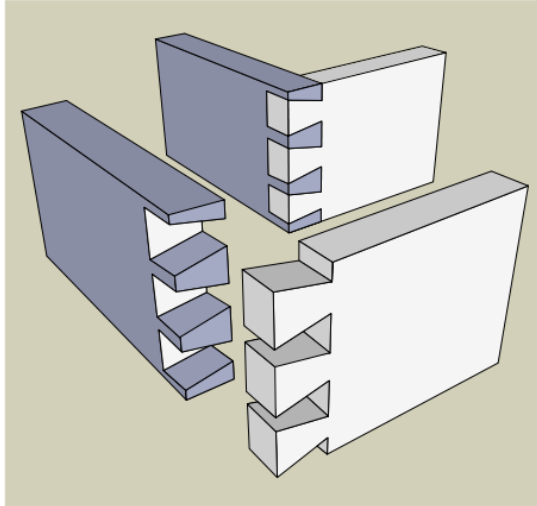
Never stop  
improving as a  
learner.



- Be digitally competent.
- Learn to identify, set, communicate and assess priorities.
- Learn and cultivate working in teams.
- Learn and speak at least one other language.
- Learn to develop and recognise thinking skills.
- Learn to use „language“ to consciously explore, exploit and communicate content.
- Learn how to deal effectively with visuals.
- Learn how to teach less in order to allow learning.

ELT Tomorrow; Jun Liu,  
Georgia State University,  
IATEFL 2013, adapted

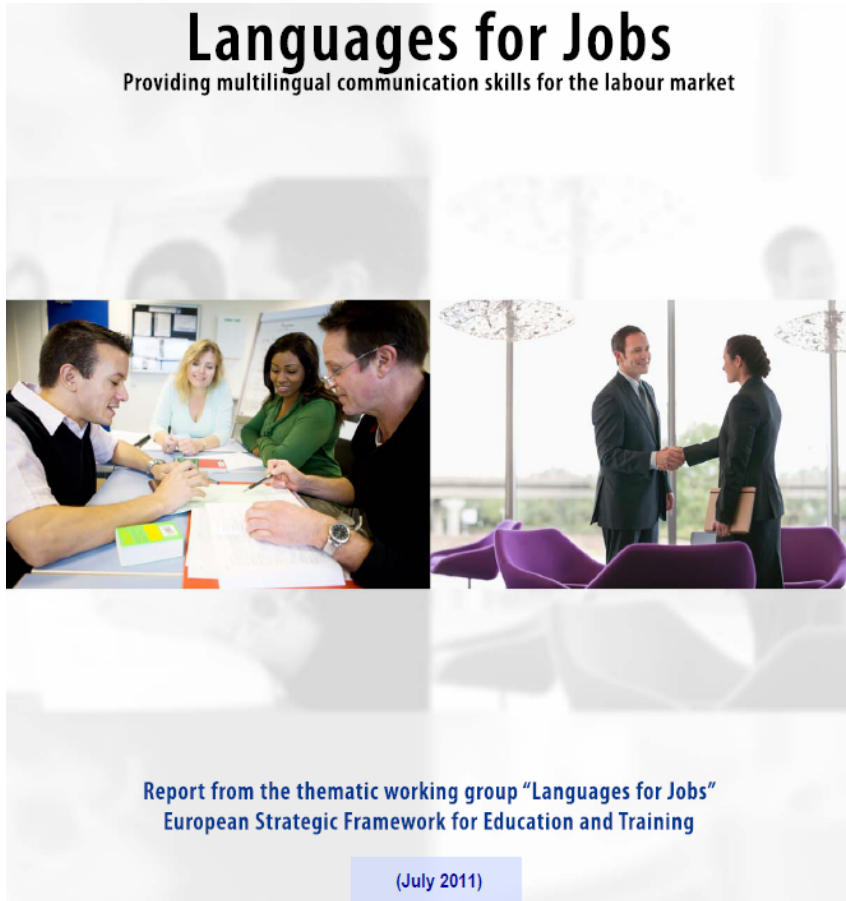
# Summary - the crafts of teaching



## Ways of assisting learners to ...

- **define** learning objectives
- **identify and shape up** own learning style
- **explore** the nature of things
- **(make things) interact**
- **reflect** on processes and products
- **develop** a sense of responsibility
- **collect** evidence of progress

# Languages for Jobs – some recommendations

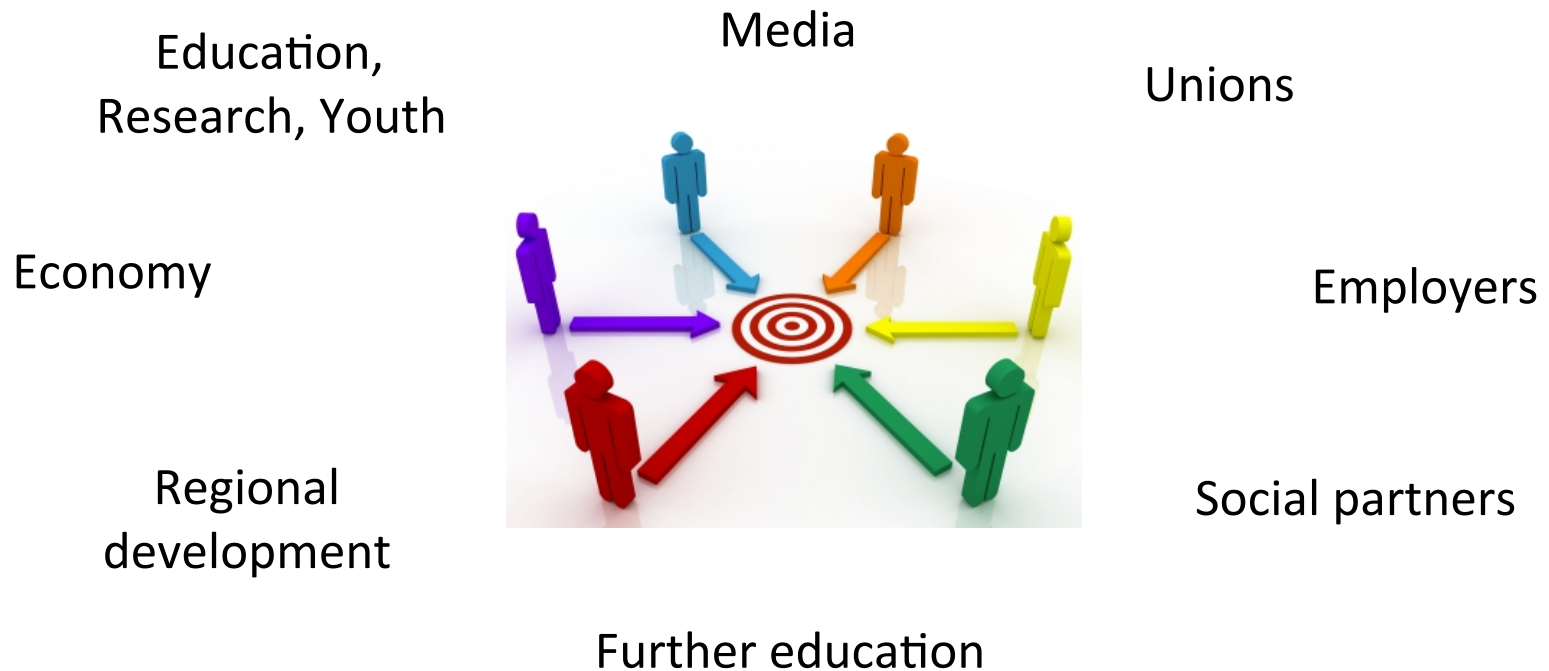


- develop a sense of **shared responsibility**
- engage into conscious, continuous and **constructive dialogue**
- set up and maintain **strategic partnerships**
- recognise and **validate** (informal) **learning**
- **facilitate** and increase the **mobility and practical experience** of learners

# Teamplay - responsibilities

Dialogue between  
“education” and “beyond”

Conscious discussion of  
needs and priorities



# 7 good reasons ...



1. revisits effective teaching and learning and provides new challenges;
2. offers opportunities for connecting elements across the curriculum;
3. gives the individual learner a challenge / chance to show individual talent;
4. puts literacy (reading) at the forefront as well as communication skills (interaction);
5. adds meaning to citizenship and global issues;
6. offers infinite ICT opportunities;
7. challenges xenophobia.

# On the road to empowerment

- Does 21st century education that is monolingual still comply with its very mission?
- If we ourselves have to “*be the change we want to see in the world*” (Gandhi), what are we going to do first thing Monday morning?



**“GOT TO FIND MYSELF OUT THERE”**