



Visiting Erasmus Scholars - Actively Promoting Multilingual Practices in Schools – MaMLiSE Erasmus+ Project

The Faculty has welcomed two visiting scholars from Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland, Professor Anna Szczepaniak-Kozak and Professor Emilia Wąsikiewicz-Firlej for a three-month period as part of the Erasmus+ Majority and Minority Languages in Schools (MaMLiSE) project which also involves academics from universities in Greece and Germany as well as a UL team comprised of Assistant Dean International AHSS, Dr Angela Farrell, Dr Mary Masterson, Lecturer in Education in EHS, and Michelle Daly, Associate Teacher, AHSS.



This MaMLiSE project is concerned with developing new educational approaches and resources to help promote multilingual practices in schools with a view to better addressing the needs of migrant pupils. It also seeks to exploit the new and exciting opportunities now arising for the promotion of majority, minority languages, and heritage languages in the European educational space as a result of the increasing linguistic and cultural diversity in schools. In so doing, this initiative actively supports the EU Commission policy of promoting M+ 2 (mother tongue + two additional languages) in schools, the current Irish government Languages Connect Strategy, and United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 4 which relates to widening access to high quality education, particularly for disadvantaged groups in society. UL will be the venue for a two-day project event in May 2022 to launch the next stage of the project, which will involve training in linguistically and culturally sensitive teaching for post-primary teachers in Limerick schools.