

# Building blocks for planning language-sensitive teacher education

The aim of language-sensitive teacher education is to equip practising and future teachers to address the language and communication needs of their learners, making it a cornerstone of effective, inclusive education.



The 'Building blocks' resources are designed to support teacher educators and curriculum planners working with teachers of different languages and subjects in integrating language-sensitive approaches into their programmes, thereby enhancing teachers' abilities to address linguistic diversity in the classroom.

Each of the 6 Building blocks, available in English and German, features a step-by-step approach to effectively prepare (future) teachers to create inclusive and linguistically responsive learning environments:

- 1 Language-sensitive education:** Understanding the principles and importance of language-sensitive teaching
- 2 School curricula:** Strategies for embedding language awareness within school curricula
- 3 Teacher education curricula:** Guidelines for incorporating language-sensitive methodologies into teacher education programmes
- 4 Teacher education modules:** Ready-to-use modules focused on language-sensitive teaching practices
- 5 Teaching practice:** Approaches for applying language-sensitive methods during teaching practice sessions
- 6 Teacher competence profiles:** Defining the competences required for effective language-sensitive education

**Who is it for?** Ideal for teacher educators and curriculum planners in pre-service and in-service teacher education designing and delivering programmes and courses of all languages and subjects.

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## Key resources at a glance:



**Guidelines** for reviewing and developing teacher education curricula



**Model tasks** for curriculum orientation, reflection and design



**Profiles** of teacher competences for language-sensitive education

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