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Spring is finally here and we´ve got news for you!

Spring brings us a boost of fresh air, warmer weather and a better mood and some interesting news from the ECQA.

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ECQA Certified Accessibility Professionals: Much interest in certification of Speech to Text Interpreters

EFHOH, the European Federation of Hard of Hearing People, was organising a webinar on Monday, 20 February 2023 from 19:30 to 21:00, to present **new online training and certification for speech to text interpreters**, following **the EU project Live Text Access (LTA)** where EFHOH and ECQA GmbH had the pleasure to participate in (<https://ltaproject.eu/>).

The interest was huge: More than 120 persons registered, more than 100 attended the webinar. Participants were accessibility professionals, experienced speech to text interpreters and newcomers, as well as organisations representing deaf and hard of hearing people.

There is a growing demand for qualification and certification in the area of accessibility and inclusion in the European Union and world-wide, due to standards and governmental regulations for people with disabilities. And the software available is only as good as the people working with it.

Speakers and participants enjoyed the presentations and the lively discussions in the Question-and-Answer session very much. ECQA President Gabriele Sauberer will invite them to join the **ECQA Focus Group Accessibility**.

EFHOH President Lidia Best welcomed the participants and speakers by an opening speech, EFHOH board member Alf Lindberg moderated the webinar, and the speakers represented most of the LTA project partners: Aïda Regel Poulsen (EFHOH), Rocio Bernabe Caro (SDI University of Applied Sciences), Wim Gerbecks (Velotype), Carlo Eugeni (Scuola Superiore per Mediatori Linguistici), and Gabriele Sauberer (ECQA)

In the next LTA webinars, participants will gain more practical information about certification, the setting up of ECQA Certified training and examination centres, and the implementation of certification at national level.

Safe the Date: ECQA Days and ECQA Certified Terminology Manager Summer School are coming

TSS 2023 in Naples, Italy, from 17th to 21st July

This year, the international Terminology Summer School (TSS) goes Italy: TSS 2023 will take place in Naples, Italy, from Monday, July 17, to Friday, July 21, as hybrid event, hosted by three great Universities in the region of Naples that are very active in terminology:

- University of Naples "L'Orientale"
- Parthenope University of Naples
- University of Salerno

TSS prepares participants from all fields to sit the exams to qualify as ECQA Certified Terminology Manager. More information: termnet@termnet.org

[Find out more](#)



ECQA Days in October 2023 in Vienna

We are pleased to announce that in October 2023, ECQA and ECQA GmbH will organize ECQA Days within the framework of a Congress for Cultural Heritage Professionals in Vienna, Austria.

One day will be dedicated to meet experts and professionals from various ECQA Focus Groups (Accessibility, Innovation and New Technologies, Sustainability), and one day will focus on the ECQA Focus Group Cultural Heritage.

More information: ecqa_president@ecqa.org

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ECQA Certified Accessibility

Professionals - Part 2: The Skills that Easy-to-Read Professionals need

The ECQA skills cards for easy-to-read validators and facilitators developed within the Train2Validate project provide the full knowledge and abilities that validators and facilitators on easy-to-read have to develop in their job.

Download both skills cards in different languages from the Train2Validate website:

<https://plenainclusionmadrid.org/train2validate/result-2-the-skills-that-facilitators-and-validators-need/>

Both professional roles play a relevant role in the production process of easy-to-read.

Easy-to-read is a methodology for creating comprehensible texts for people with reading difficulties. There are many people that have difficulties in understanding texts, for instance, people with intellectual disabilities, elderly, people with dyslexia or recent immigrants.

Easy-to-read validators check the comprehensibility of easy-to-read texts and facilitators support the work of validators.

Train2Validate is the short name for the European project “Professional training for easy-to-read facilitators and validators”. The Train2Validate community is part of the ECQA Focus Group Accessibility.

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heritage academy

**EHA 5-year Success Story: Celebration
on 22.03.2023**

Since its foundation at the end of 2017, around 75 professionals from the field of architectural heritage management have participated in EHA trainings in Mauerbach; about 50 of them have completed all modules and can be certified - and this without any marketing, despite Covid19 and all limitations faced in training. As said, these course modules are part of an overall concept consisting of self-study respectively existing prior knowledge, the actual course including practical work. Those who have successfully mastered these elements can register for the examination to receive the desired certification. This certification is always based on a person's skills and competences and must be renewed from time to time. In this way, the level of competence is maintained at a high level and at the same time increased through targeted follow-up training.

Read more: [EHA 5-year Success Story](#)



EU Commission launches Year of Skills 2023

A key issue in cultural heritage is the maintenance of necessary traditional crafts and related knowledge and skills. Without these crafts, our European heritage treasures are at great risk, as there is no one left, who can work competently with them. However, many of these skills and professions are no longer found in some EU countries or are only practised in a few. Passing on these so-called "Skills at Risk" or "Trades at Risk" and training people in them in the future is the command of the day. The European Commission has also recognised this as essential and declared 2023 the "Year of Skills", whereby the dying professions and skills are only part of the planned activities of the Commission.

12/10/2022: "As announced in President Ursula von der Leyen's 2022 State of the Union address, the Commission today adopted its proposal to make 2023 the European Year of Skills, focused on education and training.

"The environmental and digital changes are opening up new opportunities for people and the EU economy. Having the right skills will enable people to successfully manage changes in the labour market and fully participate in society and democracy". [...]

The EU Commission's initiative to declare 2023 the "Year of Skills" fits perfectly with the 5th anniversary of The European Heritage Academy - in fact, it was made for it! Since 2017, the Academy has been educating built heritage professionals and training them in maintenance and energy efficiency. Areas of digitalisation in cultural heritage, such as the digital recording of structural damage using

drones, or the attempt to train traditional crafts online, form the next development steps of a highly specialised, standardised and certified further training. All this is no coincidence! The individual components of the further training offered by The European Heritage Academy follow a clear and far-sighted concept. The choice of topics is based on current and future needs, while the development follows the sometimes opaque laws of project approval

With the approval of a new EU project, another piece of the puzzle falls into place and another part of the overall concept is realised. Seen in this light, The European Heritage Academy always operates in an environment of increased competences and can be seen as emblematic of the Year of Skills. So there is hardly a better time to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Academy.

Read more: [Year of Skills 2023](#)



First-hand knowledge - an initial revue

At the end of 2017, The European Heritage Academy was founded in Mauerbach, Lower Austria, as a cooperation between BHOe and BDA. Its purpose is to offer certified, tailor-made further training for specialists in the field of built cultural heritage. In the meantime, the academy has become a byword in specialist circles in the EU for targeted training of the target group at the highest level.

Read more: [European Heritage Academy](#)



EU project results: Training 24/7 on 365 days and certified by ECQA

Of course, in today's fast-paced world it is not enough to simply offer a few

courses that interested people can attend in Mauerbach. That is why a so-called "blended learning approach" was used from the very first project. This means nothing more than a combination of learning elements available online that are linked to courses in the classical sense. On the EHA eLearning&Exam portal there are course materials that can and should be worked on in self-studies, while the practical parts, the group work, peer learning and professional exchange take place in the Charterhouse Mauerbach.

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Read more: [EU project results Training 24_7 on 365 days](#)



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“Bike delivery services are becoming an important complement to the freight sector and can offer tremendous benefits in moving away from more polluting forms of delivery. Better training and professional qualifications for drivers will ensure that the sector remains safe and sustainable and also offers excellent career opportunities for workers.”

JAN VERMEULEN
Mayor of Deinze, Belgium

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