



# CLIL Developments

Austria  
Tyrol

# Basis for CLIL in Austria

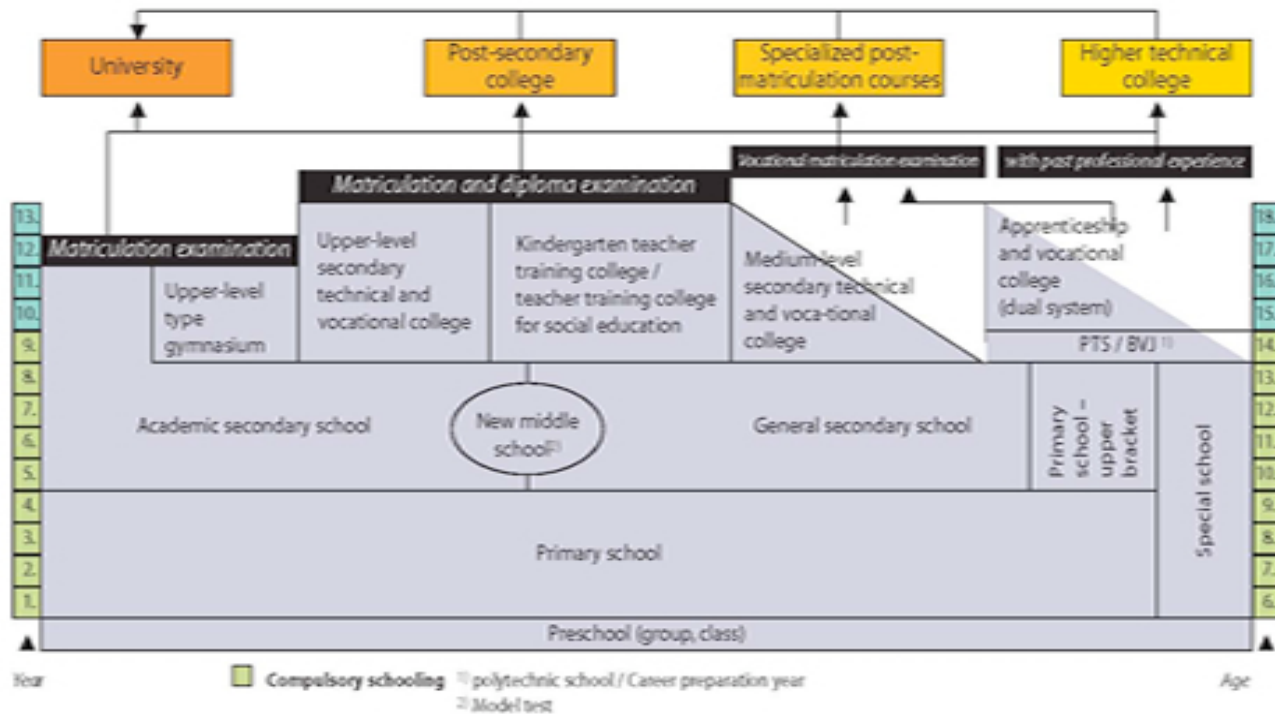
- Internationally recognised advantages
- Austrian Primary School Curriculum
  - Integrated language learning throughout the four years
- Schulunterrichtsgesetz/ School Law

# CLIL at Primary

- ML at Primary Level since 1962
- Curricular requirement to integrate English into the general Primary School curriculum since 1998
- Themes: everyday life, themes from general curriculum
- Subjects: all subjects except German

# Curriculum & Educational Aims

- Compulsory L2 instruction from Year 1
  - Ca. 96% English
- Integrated language learning in Years 1 & 2: short phases across the curriculum
- From Year 3 lessons + continuing integrated instruction
- Motivation & preparation for language learning & communication
- Tolerance & openness
- European values



## Educational Opportunities in Austria

[http://www.bmukk.gv.at/enfr/school/bw\\_en/index.xml](http://www.bmukk.gv.at/enfr/school/bw_en/index.xml)



## Curriculum Secondary

Teaching through the medium of a language other than German covered by § 16/3

- L2 can be employed if considered a benefit
- Can be applied to a school, class, subjects, lessons
- Original purpose: minority languages

## Lehrplan:

Die Nutzung einer Fremdsprache als Unterrichtsmedium in anderen Fächern ist durch den § 16/3 gedeckt:

„Darüber hinaus kann der Bundesminister für Unterricht, Kunst und Sport auf Antrag der Schulbehörde erster Instanz die Verwendung einer lebenden Fremdsprache als Unterrichtssprache anordnen, wenn dies (...) zur Ausbildung in Fremdsprachen zweckmäßig erscheint und dadurch die allgemeine Zugänglichkeit der einzelnen Formen und Fachrichtungen der Schularten nicht beeinträchtigt wird. Diese Anordnung kann sich auch auf einzelne Klassen oder einzelne Unterrichtsgegenstände beziehen“.



# Austrian Practice

## Step-by-Step Awareness of Continuity

- **Primary**
  - National curricular requirement
  - Bilingual schools: **English**, Italian, French
- **Bilingual Schools**
  - GIBS: Graz International Bilingual School
  - Vienna Bilingual Schools
    - Primary & Lower Secondary
- **Bilingual Classes**
  - Grammar Schools: Provincial capitals
  - Vocational Schools – Commercial, Technical: some development
- **Initiatives – Bottom-up & Top-Down**
  - Lower Secondary Schools
  - Grammar Schools
  - Vocational Schools



# Secondary: Suggested Variants

1. Using CLIL for limited phases
2. Project work
3. Skills/structures/lexis practised across the curriculum – e.g. describing observations and experiments, discussing & comparing graphs, bar charts etc.
4. The Bilingual School



# Status quo & Challenges

- A growing number of excellent bilingual schools/ streams
- Large number of initiatives
- Need for qualified staff
- Staff qualified especially in limited number of subjects: Biology, Geography, History, Psychology
- Qualification not stipulated
- Evaluation only informal

**Figure 5.1: Obstacles to the general implementation or further expansion of CLIL in foreign target languages in primary education (ISCED 1) and general secondary education (ISCED 2 and 3), 2004/05**

	BE fr	BE de	BE nl	CZ	DK	DE	EE	EL	ES	FR	IE	IT	CY	LV	LT	LU	HU
Restrictive legislation			●												●		
A shortage of appropriately qualified teachers	●			●			●		●			●	●	●	●		
Lack of appropriate teaching materials						●											
High costs				●	●				●								

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No CLIL provision
  CLIL offered routinely on a general basis
  Solely pilot projects

Source: Eurydice.

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# PHT: CLIL Co-operation at National Level

- CLIL Course Primary: PHT/ KPHS
- PHT Module
- Content co-operations within CPD University of Klagenfurt & Austrian Languages Competence Centre
- Content co-operations IMOF – Bilingual Course Geography
- CLIL Matrix

# PHT: CLIL Co-operation at European Level

- CDI-Bit: Modules for CLIL
- TNP: National Report including CLIL (co-operation Austrian Ministry for Education)
- RIAC: AM – International Workshops
- Lanqua: CLIL at Tertiary Level
- CCLL: CLIL + CLILig in Citizenship Education
- Comenius Regio