AI-Forward
Winter School on Artificial Intelligence for Language Learning, Teaching, and Assessment

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Overview

The Winter School aims to empower language educators, curriculum developers, instructional designers, and assessment specialists with knowledge, tools, and strategies to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) in language education. Through a mix of theoretical input, practical workshops, and collaborative activities, participants will explore how AI can transform language learning environments, support differentiated instruction and enable intelligent and ethical assessment practices.

Duration

5 Days (Monday–Friday)
19-23 January 2026

Target Group

University teachers, teacher trainers, language center staff, educational technologists, and curriculum designers from partner institutions.

Main Objectives

- To enhance understanding of AI technologies and their pedagogical implications for language education.
- To explore AI-driven tools for teaching, learning, and assessment in multilingual and multicultural settings.
- To engage participants in hands-on experience with AI-powered applications for adaptive learning, feedback, translation, and content creation.
- To promote ethical and responsible use of AI in education.
- To foster international cooperation and build a community of practice on AI-enhanced language education.

Expected Outcomes

- Increased digital and AI literacy among participants.
- Knowledge and skills in selecting and implementing AI tools for language education.
- Prototypes of AI-based lesson plans and assessment activities.
- A shared repository of good practices and tools.
- Strengthened institutional collaboration among European and international partners.

Programme 19-23 January 2026

Day	Theme	Key Activities
Day 1 **19/1/2026** **h.14:00**	*Introduction to AI in Education*	**14:00 Welcome** *Rector of the University for Foreigners of Perugia* Valerio De Cesaris *Director of LiLAIM Department* *University for Foreigners of Perugia* Sabrina Stroppa *Director of the CVCL* *University for Foreigners of Perugia* Giovanna Scocozza *Coordinator and moderator of the Winter School* *University for Foreigners of Perugia* Letizia Cinganotto **Keynote speakers** 15:00 Miao, Fengchun *UNESCO* 15:30 Ana Sole Mena *Senior expert on multilingualism, European Commission* 16:00 Nick Saville *ALTE* ***17:00 Case study in Italy: The "TNE IMPACT" MUR project*** ***Roma Tre University (leader of the IMPACT Consortium)***

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		Giorgio Resta Giuliano Lancioni *Roma Tre University* ***18:00 Special guest:*** ***Luciano Floridi*** ***University of Yale*** 19:00 Welcome toast
Day 2 **20/01/2026** **h.9:00**	***AI for Language*** ***Learning***	**9:00 Keynote speaker** Vito Borrelli *Representation in Italy of the European Commission* **10:00 Morning lectures:** Aleksandra Ljalikova *European Centre for Modern Languages of* *the Council of Europe (ECML)* *11:00 Coffee break* 11:30 Anne-Laure Dubrac *European Centre for Modern Languages of* *the Council of Europe (ECML)* **12:30 *Case study in Italy: INDIRE*** Jessica Niewint-Gori *INDIRE* 13:00 Gabriella Pasi *University of Milano Bicocca*

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		Lunch break 14:30 Stefano Moriggi *University of Modena and Reggio Emilia* 15:00 Mario Pireddu *University of Tuscia, Viterbo* 15:30 Donatella Fitzgerald *Pearson*
Day 3 21/01/2026 h.9:00	*AI for Language Teaching and Assessment*	**9:00 Morning lecture:** Olena Rossi *EALTA* ***10:00 Case study in Italy: CINECA*** Paolo Cotti Cometti *CINECA* 10:30 Valentino Santucci *University for Foreigners of Perugia* *11:00 Coffee break* 11:30 Emanuele Frontoni *University of Macerata & ELI* 12:00 Alessandro Mencarelli *OxfordAQA-Oxford University Press* 12:30 Anna Gallo & Telis Marin *Edilingua* **Lunch break**

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		14:30 Sarah Ellis *Cambridge University Press & Assessment* 15:00 Julie Wallis *AISLi* 15:30 Melissa Arndt *Robotel*
Day 4 22/01/2026 h.9:00	***AI for Language Testing***	**9:00 Morning lectures:** Vincent Folny Bert Wylin *ALTE* *11:00 Coffee break* 11:30 Ana Gimeno-Sanz *Universidad Politècnica de València* ***12:00 Case study in Italy: INVALSI*** Rita Marzoli Francesca La Russa *INVALSI* 12:30 Manuela Kelly Calzini *Trinity College London* ***Lunch break*** 14:30 Giorgio Massei *Alma* 15:00 Oda Aspebakken Sværen *Curipod*

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		15:30 Ayelet Harel *Twee*
Day 5 **23/01/2026** **h.9:00**	***Closing*** ***and*** ***Sightseeing*** Closing ceremony and certificates Guided tour of Perugia (optional)	9:00 Patricia Dionigi *Liceo Classico "Annibale Mariotti" Perugia* 9:30 Francesca Farinelli *I.T.T.S. "Alessandro Volta" Perugia* 10:00 Michele Mantouvalos *Ornimi* *10:30 Coffee break* **11:00 Erasmus+ DAI project** Letizia Cinganotto *University for Foreigners of Perugia* Ana Gimeno-Sanz *Universidad Politècnica de València* Elisabetta Delle Donne *Pixel* **12:00 AIDI & Scenari ItalIAni** Giorgia Montanucci *University for Foreigners of Perugia* Sara Ferretti *University for Foreigners of Perugia* Simone Filippetti *University for Foreigners of Perugia* **12:30 AI at the CVCL** Danilo Rini, Claudio Battaglia *CVCL, University for Foreigners of Perugia* **13:00 Closing ceremony**

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		15:00 Guided tour of Perugia Meeting point: entrance of Palazzo Gallenga **17:30 Concert offered by A.Gi.Mus.** Vocal-instrumental ensemble of the F. Morlacchi Conservatory of Perugia *Aula Magna*

Methodology

- Interactive workshops
- Collaborative group work
- Live demonstrations and tool testing
- Peer-to-peer exchange of practices
- Expert panels and guest talks

Required Facilities

- Smart classrooms/labs with internet access and projection systems
- Access to selected AI tools and platforms (free or demo versions)
- Digital workspace.

Evaluation and Follow-Up

- Daily feedback through digital forms
- Certificates of attendance
- Continued collaboration through a shared online platform and mailing list
- Winter School Proceedings (volume collecting all the papers and contributions).

Hosting Institution Responsibilities

- Prepare training materials and facilitate sessions
- Invite experts and practitioners in the field
- Provide administrative and logistical support
- Offer networking opportunities and cultural activities.

Language of Instruction

During the Winter School, participants will be allowed to speak any official EU language. Slides and working materials will be in English. Optional parallel sessions will be provided in Italian. Translation into Italian and French will also be provided.

Participants

The Winter School is free of charge for the participants.

Participants will need to complete the registration form at the following link:

https://www.unistrapg.it/node/12970

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