Over the past decades we have seen the implementation of new teaching and learning methods and approaches (communicative, social constructivist, task-based, etc.) supported by instructional technology.

New needs in language teaching related to globalization, as well as new potentials offered by information and communication technology, have led to the reform of education policies ("federalisation" of language policies, redesign of national language teaching curricula, modernisation of language certification procedures) as well as to the introduction of innovative learning material.

In schools or language learning centres, however, the implementation of novel methods frequently fails to reach the expected levels of usage and the expected quality and pace of instruction. Could this be due to a lack of necessary human and/or material resources? Could it be due to the conservatism of teachers and students? Or could it be due to the failure to adapt the changes to existing institutional circumstances?

It is the concept of innovation and the reasons for, and ways to, implement it which will be again the focus of this issue: "Should we innovate? Yes! But when, why, and especially how?"

The authors are invited to present research results related to the

– necessity,
– feasibility,
– efficiency,
– added value,
– degree of excellence,
– implementation methods and/or
– evaluation

of methodological trends or language teaching/learning practices deemed innovative.

These questions will be addressed in relation to school education (public or private), vocational training, higher education and/or lifelong learning.

It is expected that the theoretical frameworks of the contributions will derive from the following disciplines:

– psychopedagogical and education sciences,
– linguistics,
– translation studies,
– philology,
– language policy,

– language teaching and learning

Contributions will be delivered in English or French.

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