

## **OPTIMALE – OPTIMISING PROFESSIONAL TRANSLATOR TRAINING IN A MULTILINGUAL EUROPE**

### **What is OPTIMALE?**

OPTIMALE is an Erasmus academic network funded by the Directorate-General for Education and Culture (October 2010 – September 2013). The network includes 65 EU partners and 5 “Third country” partners from 31 countries.

### **Aims and Objectives of OPTIMALE**

“Optimale” aims to build on and feed into the work being undertaken by the EMT (European Master’s in Translation), extending the geographical scope of the surveys and monitoring process, and strengthening ties with institutions and professional bodies outside the circle of universities currently in the EMT network.

The network will set out to achieve the following:

1. Continue, expand and update the mapping of translator training in Europe.
2. Monitor market and societal needs and professional requirements and standards relevant to translator education and training.
3. Reinforce the economic and societal relevance of ongoing or future translator training programmes by identifying, describing and disseminating best practice in a number of key training areas.
4. Enhance the quality of translator trainer training by identifying key training resources, setting up a resource platform and organizing workshops on the implementation of best educational and training practice.
5. Work towards greater staff and student mobility between translator training faculties and departments within the network.

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For further information see OPTIMALE website: <http://www.translator-training.eu/>