

CONBAT+ IN BELGIUM by Regional Integration Centre Foyer, Brussels (www.foyer.be)
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- **Belgian ConBaT+ team**

After the first ConBaT+ meeting in Graz, we started a ConBaT+ team in the Flemish part of Belgium. Foyer is not a teacher training school so we thought it would be interesting to create a network of teacher training schools in Belgium to reflect on the ConBaT+ project and to disseminate the materials. 18 teacher trainers from 14 teacher training schools answered positively and joined the Belgian ConBaT+ team. After every meeting in Graz, the team meets in Foyer, Brussels. During the first meeting we explained extensively about the project. Afterwards we presented the materials that were prepared, first by the project coordinators and afterwards by the participants.

The Belgian team is extremely valuable for the project. They give lots of useful feedback, critically reflect on the materials and on how to implement them in the Belgian curriculum. They also exchange a lot of experience amongst them which always gives rise to very interesting discussions. Some of the team members piloted ConBaT+ materials with their own students and filled out an evaluation form for the author. They also filled out the questionnaires for students and teachers, prepared by the coordination team of ConBaT+.

- **Teacher training**

Foyer has almost 30 years of experience in the field of bilingual education, language awareness and the development of adequate educational materials. We give teacher trainings of 3 hours about “Language awareness: dealing with diversity in the classroom”. The target group are pre service (students) or in service teachers of toddler schools, primary or secondary schools. During this training ConBaT+ is always presented. There’s great demand for this training. Every year about 15 schools apply for it.