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With nearly 30 years experience in foreign language teaching and course development, initially in the United Kingdom (Loughborough University of Technology) and subsequently in Italy (Politecnico di Milano and Modena University), I currently teach English language and English/Italian translation for the University of Bologna, and Business English for the Bocconi University, Milan. In addition, I am Scientific Advisor Language Projects for the Fondazione Aldini Valeriani, a vocational education and training institute in Bologna which develops projects and delivers courses in a broad range of technical disciplines, including specific, sector-oriented foreign language training both in-house and ad hoc for local business and industry. In 2008, I wrote the elp-Desk project which the Fondazione successfully submitted for funding from the European Union under the Lifelong Learning Programme (Key Action 2: Languages). The elp-Desk project group has been represented in the European Commission's Business Platform for Multilingualism since its inception, and I serve on the steering committee of the Platform. Following successful completion, the project has recently received the European Language Label award in Italy, while our follow-up initiative, Vale!, which will document past and ongoing research in language assessment methodologies and further develop relevant support tools and applications, has just been selected for funding under the Lifelong Learning Programme.

Currently, I am a member of the management committee of the Celan project which is seeking to match the language needs of business users to the range of solutions and strategies offered by the language market.