europecv: an unofficial class
for European curricula

This produces the following output, having only the title ("Europass Curriculum Vitæ"), and the Europass  $\log o^3$ 



The main differences with respect to the official model are the use of Helvetica (which should be in any standard ETFX distribution) instead of Arial, and the use of a vector image instead of a low-resolution bitmap.

# 2 A curriculum through class options

The following options can be used with the \documentclass command, e.g.

\documentclass[latin1,helvetica,narrow,italian,logo,notitle,nobranding,totpages]{europecv}

# Input encoding

### Important!

The default input encoding for the europecv class is UTF-8. If you have a Unicode capable text editor, you should be able to directly type text with accents, diacritics and so on (i.e., no need to use LATEX commands for special characters). In order for this to work, you must ensure that your document is saved using the UTF-8 text encoding. As an alternative, you may specify a different input encoding for your document (see options below). Please note that the ucs and inputenc packages are needed no matter which encoding you use (see Section Dependencies).

utf8 Other options Chooses UTF-8 input encoding. This is the default.

The other available input encodings are: ansinew, applemac, ascii, cp850, cp852, cp858, cp437, cp437de, cp865, cp866, cp1250, cp1251, cp1252, cp1257, decmulti, koi8-r, koi8-ru, koi8-u, latin1, latin2, latin3, latin4, latin5, latin9, latin10, maccyr, macukr, next.

Notes

Any of the above options causes the inputenc package to be loaded with the specified encoding, <sup>4</sup> so that you do not have to load that package in your document.

### Font options

helvetica

Uses Helvetica as the default font.

arial

Uses Arial as the default font. In order for this option to take effect, the font must have been installed and must be accessible through LATEX. How to install fonts in LATEX goes beyond the scope of this document:

How to install fonts in IATEX goes beyond the scope of this document: read *The Font Installation Guide* you can find on CTAN. The europecv class expects the font filenames to use m for the supplier (Monotype) and a1 for the typeface (Arial). For more information, please refer to the *Fontname* guide you can find on CTAN.

narrow

Uses a condensed version of the font. This option must be used with either helvetica or arial.

Notes

If no font option is specified, europecv will use the current font.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>It also produces a footer with the page number, not shown here.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>utf8 loads inputenc with the option utf8x.

# Language options

Important!

The following options are not related to babel. See the Notes at the end of this list.

bulgarian

Chooses Bulgarian language. You should load the fontenc package with T2A option, or equivalent encoding (\usepackage[T2A]{fontenc} in the preamble of your document). See the examples folder for an example. Of course, you must also have Cyrillic fonts.

catalan

Chooses Catalan language (translation not yet completed).

czech

Chooses Czech language.

danish

Chooses Danish language.

dutch

Chooses Dutch language.

english

Chooses English language. This is the default.

estonian

Chooses Estonian language.

french

Chooses French language. Chooses Finnish language.

finnish galician

Chooses Galician language.

german

Chooses German language.

greek

Chooses the Greek language. The babel package must be included in your document with at least the Greek and English language options

(put \usepackage[greek,english] {babel} in the preamble of your document.) See the examples folder for a minimal example. Of course, you

must also have Greek fonts.

hungarian

Chooses Hungarian language.

icelandic

Chooses Icelandic language. Note that this option does not work with the OT1 font encoding. Use the fontenc package to select an alternate font encoding, such as T1 (\usepackage[T1]{fontenc} in the preamble

of your document).

italian

Chooses Italian language.

latvian

Chooses Latvian language.

lithuanian

Chooses Lithuanian language. Note that this option does not work with the OT1 font encoding. Use the fontenc package to select an alternate font encoding, such as T1 (\usepackage[T1]{fontenc} in the preamble

of your document).

maltese

Chooses Maltese language. You should use the T4 font en-\usepackage[T4]{fontenc} font encoding \usepackage[T4]{fontenc} in the preamble of your document), or include the maltese package and use the commands \mh, \mH and so on, for mh, mH etc... See the examples.

norwegian

Chooses Norwegian language.

polish

Chooses Polish language. Note that this option does not work with the OT1 font encoding. Use the fontenc package to select an alternate font encoding, such as T1 (\usepackage[T1]{fontenc} in the preamble of your document).

portuguese

Chooses Portuguese language.

romanian

Chooses Romanian language.

serbian

Chooses Serbian language.

slovak

Chooses Slovak language.

slovenian

Chooses Slovenian language.

spanish

Chooses Spanish language.

swedish

Chooses Swedish language.

Notes

The choice of the language only affects the appearance of the title ("Europass Curriculum Vitæ"), the personal information section, the spoken language table and the footer with the page number. In some cases, it may affects the used alphabet (e.g., in Bulgarian).

If you want to use the hyphenation patterns for the language(s) of your choice, you must include the babel package in your document. The use of babel is mandatory for Greek (see the Greek language option above). If you need a different language, you must create a new .def file, and add the corresponding \DeclareOption in the class file.

**IMPORTANT:** In case some translations are wrong, please, do not hesitate to correct the information reported in the translation files, i.e., .def. The suffix "it", "de", and so on, indicates the language (e.g., "it" means Italian, "de" German, etc.).

About unfinished translations

The localizations marked as "not yet completed" lack the translation of the following:

- "Basic user"
- "Intermediate user"
- "Proficient user"

The above phrases are used by the "predefined level description" commands (p. 9), which can be replaced by \ecvCEF.

### Flag options

noflag Draws no flag after the title. This is the default.

flagWB Draws the following: \_\_\_\_\_\_ after the title.

flagBW Draws the following: after the title.

flagCMYK Draws the following: after the title.

flagBlueCMYK Draws the following: after the title.

The graphicx package must be included in your document for the flag to be drawn. The official model of the Europass CV does not use any flag.

## Logo options

Notes

logo

Draws the Europass logo: europass at the beginning of the Europass CV. This is the default.

nologo Does not draw the Europass logo.

Notes The graphicx package must be included in your document for the Europass logo to be drawn.

### Title option

notitle Omits the title ("Europass Curriculum Vitæ") at the beginning of the curriculum vitæ.

**nobranding** Turns off the "Europass" branding text.

Notes

Users outside the European Community who might want to use the europecv class may specify notitle, nobranding and nologo among the class options.

# Page numbering

totpages

Prints the total number of pages on each page.

Notes

This option requires the totpages package. The way the page numbering looks like can be changed by the command \ecvpage (see Footer and Footnotes section).

### Spoken language table

booktabs

Loads the booktabs package.

Notes

This option affects the appearance of the spoken language table (see p. 10).

# 3 A curriculum through commands

### Personal information

\ecvdate{date}

Sets CV update date to *date*. To enter the current date use the \today command.

\ecvname{name, surname}
\ecvfootername{name}

Sets your name to *name*, and your surname to *surname*.

Sets your name as it appears in the footer. By default, the name in the footer is the same as the one specified with \ecvname. Use \ecvfootername is you want it to be different (for example, if you want to exchange the order of first name and last name).

\ecvfirstname{name}

\ecvlastname{name}

\ecvaddress[mobile][o ce] {address}

\ecvfax{fax}

Deprecated. Use \ecvname and \ecvfootername instead.

 $\bf Deprecated.$  Use \ecvname and \ecvfootername instead.

Sets the address to <code>address</code> and, optionally, the mobile and the office addresses to <code>mobile</code> and to <code>o</code> <code>ce</code>, respectively.

Sets the fax number to fax. If you do not have any fax number, you can leave it empty.

Sets the telephone number to tel and, optionally, the mobile and the office

\ecvtelephone[mobile][o ce] { tel}

\ecvemail{email}

Sets the email to *email*.

\ecvprofessional{professional}

Sets the professional email to professional.

numbers to *mobile* and to *o ce*, respectively.

\ecvpec{pec}

Sets the PEC email to *pec*. Certified email (known as "Posta elettronica certificata" in Italy, or PEC in short) is a special type of email in use in Italy, Switzerland, Hong Kong and Germany. Here the link for further information https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Certified\_email.

\ecvhomepage{\url{URL}}

\ecvskype{skype}

\ecvmatrixriot{matrixriot}

Sets the Home page to *URL*.

Sets the Skype account to skype.

Sets the Matrix/Riot account to *matrixriot*. Here the link with more information about the service https://matrix.org/.

\ecvyoutube{youtubeChannel}

\ecvnationality{nationality}

\ecvdateofbirth{birth}

Sets the YouTube Channel link to youtube Channel.

Sets the nationality to nationality.

Sets the date of birth to birth. }

\ecvpicture{picture} \ecvbeforepicture{text} \ecvafterpicture{text}

\ecvspace{space}

\ecvpersonalinfo[\(vspace\)]

Sets the personal picture to be the file *picture*.

text will be included just before inserting the picture when typesetting the personal information.

text will be included just after inserting the picture when typesetting the personal information.

This command can be used only inside \ecvbeforepicture or \ecvafterpicture to vertically shift the picture or the text after the picture (see the example below).

Typesets personal information.

Notes

\ecvpersonalinfo must appear only inside a europecv environment. Personal information definition commands can appear anywhere before the europecv environment, either in the preamble or in the document. Note that the \ecvpicture command does not draw anything: your picture is inserted when \ecvpersonalinfo occurs. The picture position can be controlled with \ecvbeforepicture: for example, \ecvbeforepicture{\raggedright} draws the picture on the left, and \ecvbeforepicture{\centering} centers the picture.

The \ecvpersonalinfo command has an optional argument that tells how much vertical space to leave after the personal information block.

For example, consider the following document:

```
\documentclass[helvetica,notitle,nobranding,nologo]{europecv}
\usepackage{graphicx}
% Define personal data
\ecvname{Alan, Touring}
\ecvfootername{}
\ecvaddress[Wilmslow 1, Cheshire, England][Wilmslow 2, Cheshire, England]{Wilmslow 3,
Cheshire, England}
\ecvtelephone[1234][5678]{4321}
\ecvfax{0055884321}
\ecvemail{\href{mailto:alan.touring@alan.turing}{alan.touring@alan.turing}}
\ecvprofessional{\href{mailto:alan.touring@alan.touring.work}{alan.touring@alan.touring.work}}
\ecvpec{\href{mailto:alan.touring@pec.it}{alan.touring@pec.it}}
\ecvhomepage{\url{www.homepage.com}}
\ecvskype{alan-touring}
\ecvmatrixriot{alan-touring}
\ecvyoutube{\url{www.youtube.com/AlanTouringChannel}}
\ecvnationality{English}
\ecvdateofbirth{June 23 1927}
\ecvgender{Male}
\ecvbeforepicture{\raggedright}
\ecvpicture[height=3cm]{examples/at}
\ecvdate{\today}
\begin{document}
\begin{europecv}
\ecvpersonalinfo
\end{europecv}
\end{document}
```

The above will produce the following output:

# Updated May 9, 2021



### **Personal information**

Name / Surname Alan, Touring

Address Wilmslow 3, Cheshire, England Wilmslow 1, Cheshire, England Address Wilmslow 2, Cheshire, England

Telephone 4321 Mobile: 1234 Office: 5678

Fax 0055884321

Personal Email alan.touring@alan.turing

Professional Email alan.touring@alan.touring.work

PEC alan.touring@pec.it

Home page www.homepage.com

Skype alan-touring
Matrix/Riot alan-touring

YouTube www.youtube.com/AlanTouringChannel

Nationality English

Date of birth June 23 1927

Gender Male

If you do not want to use so much space, you may add some negative space with \ecvspace in order to raise the personal information block. In this case, the picture should be put at the rightmost position. The following is an example that shows how to put your personal picture on the side of the personal information block:

\documentclass[helvetica,notitle,nobranding,nologo]{europecv}
\usepackage{graphicx}

\ecvname{Alan, Touring}
\ecvfootername{}
\ecvaddress[Wilmslow 1, Cheshire, England][Wilmslow 2, Cheshire, England]{Wilmslow 3,
Cheshire, England}
\ecvtelephone[1234][5678]{4321}
\ecvfax{0055884321}
\ecvemail{\href{mailto:alan.touring@alan.turing}{alan.touring@alan.turing}}
\ecvprofessional{\href{mailto:alan.touring@alan.touring.work}{alan.touring@alan.touring.work}}
\ecvpec{\href{mailto:alan.touring@pec.it}{alan.touring@pec.it}}
\ecvhomepage{\url{www.homepage.com}}
\ecvskype{alan-touring}
\ecvmatrixriot{alan-touring}
\ecvyoutube{\url{www.youtube.com/AlanTouringChannel}}

\ecvnationality{English}
\ecvdateofbirth{June 23 1927}
\ecvgender{Male}
\ecvbeforepicture{\raggedleft}
\ecvpicture[height=3cm]{examples/at}
\ecvafterpicture{\ecvspace{-3.5cm}}
\ecvdate{\today}
\begin{document}
\begin{europecv}
\ecvpersonalinfo

The output of the above code looks like this:

\end{europecv}
\end{document}

# Updated May 9, 2021

### **Personal information**

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Address Wilmslow 3, Cheshire, England
Address Wilmslow 1, Cheshire, England
Address Wilmslow 2, Cheshire, England

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Professional Email alan.touring@alan.touring.work

PEC alan.touring@pec.it

Home page www.homepage.com

Skype alan-touring
Matrix/Riot alan-touring

YouTube www.youtube.com/AlanTouringChannel

Nationality English

Date of birth June 23 1927

Gender Male

Note that if your personal data (e.g., your address) is long enough, then some text may overlap your picture. A (not so good) solution to solve the problem consists in breaking the offending line(s) with \\& (backslash-backslash-ampersand).

### Sectioning commands

\section[vspace]{title}

Starts a new section. For example, the current section has been started with \section{Sectioning commands}.



\ecvsection[vspace]{title}

\ecvitem[vspace]{left}{right}

\ecvitem\*[vspace]{left}{right}

· Notes

Deprecated. It is still available for backward compatibility. Starts a new section. For example, the current section has been started with \ecvsection{Sectioning commands}. Use the command \pdfbookmark{Name of the section}{Name of the section} if you want add the section into the table of contents.

Puts left text on the left of the vertical rule and right text on the right of the vertical rule.

**Deprecated.** The same as above, but produces a small bullet before *left* text, as in the next item.

Sectioning commands must be used inside the europecv environment, and text within the environment should be typeset only inside a sectioning command. All of them have an optional argument that specifies how much vertical space to leave after that command. For instance, the previous item has been specified by

\ecvitem[15pt]{...}{...}

# Spoken languages

\ecvmothertongue[vspace] { language}

\ecvlanguageheader{symbol}

\ecvlanguagefooter[vspace] {symbol}

\ecvlanguage[*vspace*]{*11*}{*12*} {13}{14}{15}

\ecvlastlanguage[vspace]{/1} {12}{13}{14}{15}

Notes

\ecvCEF{level}{descr}

\ecvA0ne \ecvATwo Typesets the mother tongue.

Typesets the header of the language table. The argument is a symbol used as a footnote symbol referring to the language table footer (see below).

Prints the line Common European Framework of Reference (CEF) level. If present, this command should go after all language descriptions. The symbol should coincide with the argument of \ecvlanguageheader.

Typesets a row of the language table describing a language. The arguments 11 to 15 correspond to the entries in the header, and they should give brief descriptions related to the following abilities:

*l1*: understanding (listening);

*l2*: understanding (reading):

13: speaking (spoken interaction);

14: speaking (spoken production);

*l5*: writing.

The content should follow the guidelines of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. See Appendix Language self-assessment for reference. Predefined entries are defined below.

If you have specified the booktabs class option, you should use \ecvlastlanguage to typeset the last language description. If you do not use the booktabs class option, this is the same as \ecvlanguage.

The above commands (apart from \ecvlanguageheader) have an optional argument *vspace* that specifies how much vertical space to leave after the command.

Typesets an entry of the table, where *level* is the self-assessed level code and descr is a short description. See Appendix Language self-assessment for reference.

Predefined level description: basic user (A1). Predefined level description: basic user (A2).

\ecvB0ne	Predefined level description: independent user (B1).
\ecvBTwo	Predefined level description: independent user (B2).
\ecvCOne	Predefined level description: proficient user (C1).
\ecvCTwo	Predefined level description: proficient user (C2).

As an example, the following code inside the europecv environment:

\ecvmothertongue[10pt]{English}
\ecvlanguageheader{(\*)}
\ecvlanguage{French}{\ecvCTwo}{\ecvBTwo}{\ecvCOne}{\ecvCTwo}
\ecvlanguage{German}{\ecvATwo}{\ecvATwo}{\ecvATwo}{\ecvATwo}}\ecvATwo}{\ecvATwo}{\ecvATwo}{\ecvATwo}}

will produce something similar to the following:

### Mother tongue

### **English**

### Self-assessment European level<sup>(\*)</sup>

# French German

Understanding			Spea	Writing	
I	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
C1	Proficient user	C2 Proficient user	B2 Independent user	C1 Proficient user	C2 Proficient user
A2	Basic user	A2 Basic user	A2 Basic user	A2 Basic user	A2 Basic user

<sup>(\*)</sup> Common European Framework of Reference (CEF) level

If you have specified the booktabs class option, the spoken language table will look like this:

### Mother tongue

### **English**

### Self-assessment European level<sup>(\*)</sup>

# European iever

# French German

Understanding			Speaking			Writing			
l	_istening	I	Reading	i	Spoken nteraction		Spoken roduction		
C1	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	B2	Independent user	C1	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user
A2	Basic user	A2	Basic user	A2	Basic user	A2	Basic user	A2	Basic user

<sup>(\*)</sup> Common European Framework of Reference (CEF) level

Note that you should use tight page margins to make the table fit comfortably.

### Footer and Footnotes

\ecvfootnote{note}

\ecvpage{def}

Puts a note in the footer of every page of the curriculum vitæ.<sup>5</sup> The note spans the right column width and it is justified. This command should appear in the preamble of your document.

Redefines the way the page numbering looks like. The default is to print the word "Page" (in the language of your choice) followed by the page number. You can change this: for example, \ecvpage{\thepage} can be used to suppress the word "Page".

Notes

The footer is typeset using the fancyhdr package. So, you can use fancyhdr commands to customize the footer (and the header too, of course). For example, if you want plain page numbers, you can use \pagestyle{plain} at the beginning of your document (as it has been done for this document, whose source code is included in the package).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Standard footnotes can also be used inside the europecv environment.

If you want to use your own left, center, and right footer, you can put the relevant commands after \begin{document}. For example:

% [...]
\begin{document}
\fancyfoot{} % Clears the footer
\fancyfoot[L]{My left footer}
\fancyfoot[C]{My center footer}
\fancyfoot[R]{My right footer}

Some parameters can be set by using the following commands.

Fine Tuning				
\ecvWithHorRule	Draws a horizontal rule at the beginning of the Europass CV, wh spans the first column. This is the default.			
\ecvNoHorRule	Does not draw the horizontal rule at the beginning of the Europass CV. This part was typeset with \ecvNoHorRule.			
\ecvRuleWidth{ <i>width</i> }	Sets the thickness of the rules. The default is 0.4pt. This part has been typeset with \ecvRuleWidth{2pt}. The vertical rule can be omitted by setting this parameter to 0pt.			
\ecvExtraRowHeight{ <i>height</i> }	Puts extra space between <i>all</i> subsequent items in the europecv environment (including rows of the spoken language table). The default is Opt. This part has been typeset with \ecvExtraRowHeight{10pt}.			
\ecvColSep{ <i>width</i> }	Sets the space between the vertical rule and the surrounding text. The default is 12pt. This part has been typeset with \ecvColSep{20pt}			
\ecvFlagWidth{ <i>width</i> }	Sets the size of the flag. The default is 10mm.			
\ecvLogoWidth{width}	Sets the size of the Europass logo. The default is 23mm.			
\ecvLogoOffset{0 set}	Adjusts the vertical position of the Europass logo. The default is 1cm.			
<i>wid</i> \ecvTitleK	fills the page. The default is 5cm. This part has been typeset with \ecvLeftColumnWidth{6cm}.			
No	To change global sizing parameters, such as the page size, the margins and so on, use the geometry package.  You may draw horizontal lines with \hline or \cline. The lines above have been obtained by:  \hline\ecvitem[Opt]{Notes}{}\cline{2-2} {}			

# 4 Bibliographies

The main weakness of this class is related to bibliographies. If you insert a bibliography inside the europecv

environment with a command like:

```
\section{Additional Information}
\ecvitem{}{\bibliographystyle{plain}}
\nocite{*}
\bibliography{mypublications}}
```

the bibliography will flow out if it does not fit in the current page. The reason is that the europecv environment is a longtable, each \ecvitem corresponds to a row of the table, and a row cannot be split across pages. Therefore, you can safely put a bibliography using the \bibliography command only outside the europecv environment. Which may be or may not be what you want.

Another possibility is to use the bibentry package, and put each \bibentry command inside an \ecvitem command:

```
\ecvitem{}{\textsc{Publications}}
\ecvitem{}{\bibentry{pub1}}
[...]
\ecvitem{}{\bibentry{pubN}}
```

The drawback of this solution is that you have to use a **\bibentry** command for each bibliography item you want to appear. If you have written many publications, this can be a pain in the neck. Unfortunately, the only solution I know is to write a script to perform the task automatically.

Finally, you can add references to your publications using the commands (and also defining new ones following the same rules) \conferencePublications [Name of the label] and \refconferencePublications [Name of the label]. Below the code that you have to insert in the preamble.

```
\makeatletter
\let\oldhypertarget\hypertarget
\renewcommand{\hypertarget}[2]{%
\oldhypertarget{#1}{#2}%
\protected@write\@mainaux{}{%
\string\expandafter\string\gdef
\string\csname\string\detokenize{#1}\string\endcsname{#2}%
}%
}
\hyperlink{#1}{\csname #1\endcsname}%
\makeatother
% The counters. They have to be defined for each publication (journal papers, books, and so on).
\newcounter{ConferencePapers} %For the conference papers
\setcounter{ConferencePapers}{0}
\newcounter{JournalPapers} %For the journal papers
\setcounter{JournalPapers}{0}
% These commands have to be ridefined for each publication type (journal, paper, etc.)
\newcommand{\conferencePublications}[1][]{
\stepcounter{ConferencePapers}
\hypertarget{#1}{[C\theConferencePapers]} %C is the indexing of your conference papers
}
\newcommand{\juournalPublications}[1][]{
\stepcounter{ConferencePapers}
\hypertarget{#1}{[J\theJuournalPapers]} %J is the indexing of your jounal papers
\newcommand{\refconferencesPublications}[1][]{
\myhyperlink{#1}
```

```
}
\newcommand{\refjournalPublications}[1][]{
\myhyperlink{#1}
}
```

In such a way, you can refer your publications into the text as reported below and in the "cv\_template\_academic\_en".

Research activities	
	Stability of piecewise-linear systems  Something related to the picewise-linear systems [C1], [C2] ad [C3].
Publications	
	Refereed conference proceedings
[C1]	Details related to the conference paper
[C2]	Details related to the conference paper
[C3]	Details related to the conference paper

### 5 Dependencies

The europecv class is built upon the article class, so you can use all standard article options, such as 12pt, draft, a4paper, and so on. It requires the array, longtable, fancyhdr, ucs and inputenc packages, which should be available by default on any decent LATEX distribution.

### 6 O cial Europass CV and europecv: the di erences

Unless you want to install Arial (Narrow), you will probably typeset your curriculum vitæ in (condensed) Helvetica typeface if you want to adhere to the standard model.<sup>6</sup> Differences, however, are quite small:

#### Helvetica:

```
ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ0123456789
abcdefghijklmnopgrstuvwxyz!?$%&/()#*
```

#### Arial:

```
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z ! ? $ % & / ( ) # *
```

#### Condensed Helvetica:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ0123456789 abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz!?\$%&/()#\*

### Arial Narrow:

```
A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z ! ? $ % & / ( ) # *
```

The europecv class uses standard LATEX relative font sizes, so there are a few mismatches with respect to the official template. The vertical rule has a different width with respect to the official one(s), but this can easily be changed with \ecvRuleWidth. The mobile phone number is placed in an unusual position in the official model: almost flushed right, but not quite. I have decided to put it a \quad from the telephone number, and I have added a colon. Finally, I have decided to put a comma between the last name and the first name in the personal information block, because I think it helps distinguishing between them in some cases.

 $<sup>^6\</sup>mathrm{The}$  models generated using the form at the EU web site are typeset in Arial, not in Arial Narrow.

# 7 Acknowledgments

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### 10 Language self-assessment

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### Understanding

### Listening

- **A1:** I can understand familiar words and very basic phrases concerning myself, my family and immediate surroundings when people speak slowly and clearly.
- **A2:** I can understand phrases and the highest frequency vocabulary related to areas of most immediate personal relevance (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local area, employment). I can catch the main points in short, clear, simple messages and announcements.
- **B1:** I can understand the main points of clear standard speech on familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. I can understand the main points of many radio or TV programmes on current affairs or topics of personal or professional interest when the delivery is relatively slow and clear.
- **B2:** I can understand extended speech and lectures and follow even complex lines of argument provided the topic is reasonably familiar. I can understand most TV news and current affairs programmes. I can understand the majority of films in standard dialect.

- C1: I can understand extended speech even when it is not clearly structured and when relationships are only implied and not signalled explicitly. I can understand television programmes and films without too much effort.
- C2: I have no difficulty in understanding any kind of spoken language, whether live or broadcast, even when delivered at fast native speed, provided I have some time to get familiar with the accent.

### Reading

- **A1:** I can understand familiar names, words and very simple sentences, for example on notices and posters or in catalogues.
- **A2:** I can read very short, simple texts. I can find specific, predictable information in simple everyday material such as advertisements, prospectuses, menus and timetables and I can understand short simple personal letters.
- **B1:** I can understand texts that consist mainly of high frequency everyday or job-related language. I can understand the description of events, feelings and wishes in personal letters.
- **B2:** I can read articles and reports concerned with contemporary problems in which the writers adopt particular attitudes or viewpoints. I can understand contemporary literary prose.
- C1: I can understand long and complex factual and literary texts, appreciating distinctions of style. I can understand specialised articles and longer technical instructions, even when they do not relate to my field.
- C2: I can read with ease virtually all forms of the written language, including abstract, structurally or linguistically complex texts such as manuals, specialised articles and literary works.

### **Speaking**

### Spoken interaction

- **A1:** I can interact in a simple way provided the other person is prepared to repeat or rephrase things at a slower rate of speech and help me formulate what I'm trying to say. I can ask and answer simple questions in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics.
- **A2:** I can communicate in simple and routine tasks requiring a simple and direct exchange of information on familiar topics and activities. I can handle very short social exchanges, even though I can't usually understand enough to keep the conversation going myself.
- **B1:** I can deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken. I can enter unprepared into conversation on topics that are familiar, of personal interest or pertinent to everyday life (e.g. family, hobbies, work, travel and current events).
- **B2:** I can interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interaction with native speakers quite possible. I can take an active part in discussion in familiar contexts, accounting for and sustaining my views.
- C1: I can express myself fluently and spontaneously without much obvious searching for expressions. I can use language flexibly and effectively for social and professional purposes. I can formulate ideas and opinions with precision and relate my contribution skilfully to those of other speakers.
- C2: I can take part effortlessly in any conversation or discussion and have a good familiarity with idiomatic expressions and colloquialisms. I can express myself fluently and convey finer shades of meaning precisely. If I do have a problem I can backtrack and restructure around the difficulty so smoothly that other people are hardly aware of it.

### Spoken production

- A1: I can use simple phrases and sentences to describe where I live and people I know.
- **A2:** I can use a series of phrases and sentences to describe, in simple terms, my family and other people, living conditions, my educational background and my present or most recent job.

- **B1:** I can connect phrases in a simple way in order to describe experiences and events, my dreams, hopes and ambitions. I can briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans. I can narrate a story or relate the plot of a book or film and describe my reactions.
- **B2:** I can present clear, detailed descriptions on a wide range of subjects related to my field of interest. I can explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.
- C1: I can present clear, detailed descriptions of complex subjects integrating sub-themes, developing particular points and rounding off with an appropriate conclusion.
- C2: I can present a clear, smoothly-flowing description or argument in a style appropriate to the context and with an effective logical structure which helps the recipient to notice and remember significant points.

### Writing

- **A1:** I can write a short, simple postcard, for example sending holiday greetings. I can fill in forms with personal details, for example entering my name, nationality and address on a hotel registration form.
- **A2:** I can write short, simple notes and messages. I can write a very simple personal letter, for example thanking someone for something.
- **B1:** I can write simple connected text on topics which are familiar or of personal interest. I can write personal letters describing experiences and impressions.
- **B2:** I can write clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects related to my interests. I can write an essay or report, passing on information or giving reasons in support of or against a particular point of view. I can write letters highlighting the personal significance of events and experiences.
- C1: I can express myself in clear, well-structured text, expressing points of view at some length. I can write about complex subjects in a letter, an essay or a report, underlining what I consider to be the salient issues. I can select a style appropriate to the reader in mind.
- C2: I can write clear, smoothly-flowing text in an appropriate style. I can write complex letters, reports or articles which present a case with an effective logical structure which helps the recipient to notice and remember significant points. I can write summaries and reviews of professional or literary works.