

# Focus on foreign languages

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Focus on foreign languages: is English a new 'basic skill' required by European businesses?

Key facts:

- Globalisation is likely to increase the demand for foreign language skills in European labour markets in the short- to medium-term.
- English is regarded as an important basic skill demanded by recruiters throughout Europe, but additional languages increasingly make the difference to business.
- Only 42% of teenage pupils are competent in their first foreign language and just 20% in their second foreign language.

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