

# Speaker Profile

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Kristin Brogan is a Masters Graduate from NUIM (National University of Ireland, Maynooth) and a lecturer in German since 1994 at the Institute of Technology Tralee. Apart from her teaching duties she is actively involved in the promotion of languages. She was also responsible for the *Leonardo da Vinci* programme in the ITT from 1996 until 2005 as a placement coordinator. Since 2003 she has been involved with EU funded projects in the area of languages: Two *Leonardo da Vinci* projects and one *Lingua 2* project. Her role in these on line language projects was as Quality Manager. She has given numerous presentations about these EU projects at conferences in Ireland and abroad. An application for the European Language Award for the *Problem SOLVE* project was successful in 2006. A submission to the National Agency as part of the EU Lifelong Learning Programme for a *Leonardo da Vinci* Transfer of Innovation has been approved by the EU Commission this summer. This project has 12 International partners.

Since 2005 she is registered as a PhD student; her research interests include students availing of the Erasmus programme and who are studying abroad in German speaking countries. She is looking at language and intercultural skills acquisition during the residence abroad.

Since 2005 she is a member of the *Association of Third Level German Teachers in Ireland* and joined the Association's committee in Spring 2007. This Association has over 150 members and organises a meeting for members on an annual basis.

In May 2006 she founded together with her colleague Dr. Riana Walsh from ITT Dublin the *IoT (Institute of Technology) Language Policy & Planning Network*, which has 11 Institutes as its members. They organised regular meetings and presentations for the network, including a panel discussion with experts from various fields about the role of modern languages in the IoT sector. Outcomes include a guidelines document for internal Language Policies, summary of a questionnaire by network participants, summary of the network's activity and a video on line.

She has also an active involvement with the Primary School Sector: Since 1998 she has been teaching German in a Primary School on a weekly basis and is a member of the *Modern Languages in Primary Schools Initiative*.