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The Euregio Meuse-Rhine shows a specific reality: within a relatively short distance three European languages are used as local languages, and no less than five cultures meet each other.

Furthermore, the EMR is characterized by a much larger variety which stems from increasing mobility (migration, amongst others). Geographic forecasts for 2050 point to a new influx of mostly Turks, Moroccans and Poles.

The BAMA-structure fosters geographic mobility in higher education since furthering one's education or professional career in another country or region broadens one's horizon in many ways, turning it into an enriching experience. Increasingly now, many youngsters from Central Europe move to the EMR to study at university (colleges). It would be worthwhile then to give these young people the opportunity to already prepare themselves for their EMR sojourn in their home country.

On the other hand, youngsters born and bred within the EMR often have a negative image of their knowledge of the other two languages. Even if they master one or both languages rather well, they often struggle with interference mistakes and other recurrent linguistic errors. The question remains whether these mistakes are really disturbing.

Everyday reality informs us that misunderstandings can often be attributed to cultural differences between countries and regions. Even worse, negative stereotypes often prevent us from undertaking a common cause. Are the subcultures within the EMR therefore so different?

This linguistic and cultural diversity within the Euregio Meuse-Rhine could also be a great asset, not least economically.

For this reason, the INTERcCOM (Interreg IVA) project has investigated all these big and small differences. The result? No fewer than 30 contrastive source language/source culture – target language/target culture e-modules have been developed in a multimedia learning environment.

Would you like to log into 1 module of your choice until May 2018?

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You will find that new exercises are still being added to certain e-modules.