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Her expertise lies mainly in the field of innovation in language learning: foreign languages as well as Dutch as a first and second language. Main topics are the organizational positioning of language learning in a vocational context, the use of ICT and E-learning, the design and implementation of new language learning systems, national and European developments within the framework of life-long learning and European citizenship, in which the Language Portfolio occupies an important place. Her key roles in these projects are mainly project manager, designer, expert, trainer/coach, process leader and critical thinker.

Marianne Driessen started her career as a teacher of biology, geography and English in secondary education, adult education and vocational training. She then studied ICT and worked for more than eight years as a designer, consultant and project manager of various multimedia language learning systems (IJsbreker, Flexibel Nederlands, Alfa-Beter, Babylon, CVT). At CINOP she was project manager of the nationwide project 'Quality Improvement Modern Languages' (various products and services related to innovations in language learning and teaching) and designed the first version of a digital language portfolio. She also participated in the Leonardo da Vinci project DiLaPort (Digital Language Portfolio).

Momentarily she works on various projects for the innovation in vocationally oriented language learning: modern languages as well as Dutch as the language of instruction. She trains language teachers and advises educational managers and school boards.

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