



Wulkow Group

Directors of Language Centres
in Higher Education in Europe

Wulkow 2.5

“Bringing back Human Intelligence into Language Centres”

The 17th Wulkow Meeting of Directors of Language Centres
in Higher Education in Europe

Dates: 5th February 2026 – 8th February 2026

Venues: viadrina Dialog und Transfer gmbh (Frankfurt (Oder) / Germany)
Castle Trebnitz (Trebnitz near Frankfurt (Oder) / Germany)

About the Wulkow Group:

In January 2009, over 30 language centre directors from a variety of European institutes of higher education came together in Wulkow in Brandenburg, Germany to discuss the key issues and challenges facing them, their centres and their parent institutions. This initiative, started by the Director of the Language Centre at the European University Viadrina in Frankfurt/Oder, has resulted in an annual meeting ever since.

Each meeting focuses on a specific theme and examines a range of topics. The conclusions, compiled in the Wulkow Group Memoranda, reflect the view of a wide range of institutions, represented by a leading community of practice. European Language Centres in Higher Education foster not only successful language teaching but also act as a driver for mobility, employability and intercultural communication.

Aims of the 17th Wulkow Meeting:

With so much focus on Artificial Intelligence, are we not taking a risky bet by going “all in”? This year, Wulkow will provide us with the opportunity to take a step back and reflect on our role as humans, whether we’re students, teachers or managers.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has undeniably entered the university world - and we at the Language Centres are no exception. But are we ready to face the questions it brings? Does our university have clear policies on the use of AI tools? And if so, how well do they apply to language teaching and learning? Do our teachers and learners have the *AI literacy* they need to navigate this landscape? How should we assess language productions that have been created with AI assistance? Where does our responsibility lie in helping students develop real communication skills and soft skills - to overcome not only post-pandemic social anxiety, but also various forms of techno-stress (e.g. FOMO).

At this year’s Wulkow Meeting, we aim to bring Human Intelligence back into focus. Together, we will explore how to blunt the double-edged sword of AI in our Language Centres — before it cuts deeper than we intend.

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Please use our Google form for pre-registration, for offering input and bringing up cultural program ideas.

More organizational information and Wulkow registration form you will receive in September.

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