

BILC Shared Item Bank Project

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Project background

- ▶ A need for sample reading and listening items
- ▶ The way ahead for the Shared Item Bank Project discussed at the BILC Testing Workshop in Tours, 2019
- ▶ The project launched in February 2020
- ▶ A survey conducted by Roxane Harrison
- ▶ Working group members: Canada, Croatia, Estonia, Latvia, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia

Project goals

- ▶ to strengthen linguistic interoperability among NATO and Partner nations by furthering standardization of language testing
- ▶ to help testing organizations in the test development process

by creating an item bank of reading and listening items that will be available to national STANAG 6001 test developers

What have we done so far?

Members of the working group

- ▶ drew up reading item specifications and an item metadata table
- ▶ submitted reading items at different levels (L1 - 12, L2 - 17, L3 - 18 items)
- ▶ tried out online multinational item moderation at the BILC Testing Workshop in 2020
- ▶ discussed best practices in online item moderation
- ▶ decided on the next steps: moderation of items in national teams, revision of their own team's items, online moderation sessions
- ▶ conducted three online moderation sessions in February 2021

Next steps

- ▶ online moderation of L3 reading items starting this month
- ▶ repeat the procedure for L1 reading items
- ▶ arrange piloting and statistical analysis of reading items
- ▶ final revision and setting up the item bank for reading
- ▶ if successful, listening items should follow

Thank you!