

Summary

Language Centres have their origins in a university context, however they must meet the requirements for language training and accreditation following dynamics that are outside formal Higher Education. It is therefore necessary to define and/or adapt management and organization processes that are suitable for their activity. This fact, common to any type of organization, is of particular importance in the sphere of public law entities, or private law entities pertaining to the public sector.

The main issues that will be dealt with in the session are the following: analysis of various management models (public, private, or mixed depending on the type of activity involved); organizational structure, both administrative and academic; models of relationship with the university; means of financing; influence of the management model on the development of work at the centres; and, in general, the future challenges in this field.

To tackle these issues, the roundtable will count with participants from centres with different management models, that is, those which form part of the university structure and those with private management models, either through foundations or different types of businesses, pertaining or not to the public sector.