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The FMKS is a non-profit and non-governmental organization founded in 2000 in Kiel (Northern Germany) by a group of primary schools' parents and researchers. Today, the members of the FMKS include linguists, neurologists, parents, teachers, daycare nurses, kindergarten teachers, kindergartens, schools and other institutions from all over Germany and other (non)European countries.

The aim of the FMKS is to support and encourage early foreign language learning and multilingualism. Language means education. The FMKS, therefore, supports initiatives which promote a systematic interlocking of bilingual day nurseries, kindergartens and schools. An exchange among European partners is very important to the FMKS and its work as well as cooperation with other European countries. With respect to methodology, the FMKS advocates immersion teaching since research has shown that this is the most effective way to learn and to teach a foreign language.

What does the FMKS offer?

On the website www.fmks.eu, the FMKS provides free information on early language learning and immersion for parents and professional staff and anyone interested in multilingualism:

- If you are looking for a job in a bilingual institution (such as kindergarten or school) or if you, e. g. as an institution, can offer a job, the FMKS job market is the place to look and to advertise.
- The FMKS offers addresses of bilingual kindergartens and bilingual schools.
- You can find literature, news, FAQ, and a calendar of events on immersion and multilingualism taking place in Germany and abroad.
- Downloadable are the following brochures:
 - „Guide for starting a bilingual kindergarten“
 - „Guide for starting an immersion school program“
 - „Early foreign language learning“
- The website also contains comments on educational media, e.g. books, games, magazines, CDs and other websites as well as the FMKS bi-annual newsletter.
- The FMKS provides support via e-mail, telephone or in person and allocates experts for further training and / or conferences.