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**To Whom It May Concern**

This is to confirm that the Department of Lithuanian Studies, Vilnius University, is a member of ALTE, the Association of Language Testers in Europe.

ALTE is a not-for-profit organisation and a European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG) whose members consist of institutions within Europe, which produce examinations and certification for language learners as one of their primary activities.

ALTE was founded in 1990 and includes many of the world's leading language assessment bodies and currently has 31 members, representing 24 languages. The principal objectives of the association are:

- to address issues of quality and fairness related to the examinations which the members provide;
- to establish common standards for all stages of the language-testing process;
- to promote the transnational recognition of certification in Europe by reference to the common levels of proficiency established by ALTE members and the Common European Framework of Reference;
- to engage in activities for the improvement of language testing and assessment in Europe;
- to provide training in language testing and assessment;
- to raise awareness on issues related to language assessment;
- to provide leadership in the field of language assessment globally.

Should you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at [secretariat@alte.org](mailto:secretariat@alte.org).

With all good wishes,

  
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