



**Press Release (immediate release)**

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**Launch of a new free multilingual language learning app for migrants and refugees**

***A new multilingual language learning app called 7Ling has been launched by an international consortium of researchers and educational technologists, including a team from Trinity College Dublin.***

The XCELING consortium, a group of European and Egyptian universities co-financed by the European Commission's Erasmus+ programme, has created a free app to support language learning for migrants and refugees.

The 7Ling app (named after its contents, which are available in 7 languages) was born out of the consortium's aim of providing migrants and refugees with high quality language learning resources and information in German, Spanish, French, English, Italian and Portuguese. The contents of the app also include translations into Arabic, given the project's connections with Egypt and the important role of the Arabic as one of the world's global languages.

This free and not-for-profit mobile app comes at an opportune time for virtual language learning. Its dynamic and autonomous learning methodology has been designed to support its users to communicate quickly and effectively in real-life situations related to practical topics such as health and employment. The app also contains a host of practical and cultural information.

7Ling has been developed through collaboration among applied linguistics from European and Egyptian universities: University of Salamanca, University of Bologna, University of Coimbra, University of Heidelberg, University of Poitiers, Trinity College Dublin, University of Alexandria, University of Cairo, Helwan University, Pharos University, Minia University and Luxor University.

The app is one of the outputs of the XCELING project (XCELING= Towards Excellence in Applied Linguistics. Innovative Second Language Education in Egypt), which aims to support education, training, ICT use and the development of teaching materials in Egypt in the field of Applied Linguistics.

**More information**

7LING app: <https://sevenling.com>  
XCELING project: <https://xceling.usal.es/>  
GOOGLE PLAY: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.xceling&gl=ES>  
APPLE STORE: <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/7ling/id1502534452?l=es&ls=1%0D>  
PROMOTIONAL VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZFyIDW4vIk>

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