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Neus Figueras started her career as a teacher of English and coordinated the development of foreign language curricula and certificate examinations for adult learners in the regional ministry of education in Catalonia, Spain, for over 20 years. She has been involved in a number of international research and development projects related to assessment at different education levels (Dialang, Speakeasy, Ceftrain, Dutch CEFR construct project, EBAFLS) and has given courses and presented in universities in Spain, in various European countries, in Asia and in the USA. She has carried out consultancy work in assessment (University of Bilkent, Turkey; BIFIE -Centre for Assessment and Innovation-, Austria; University of Saint Petersburg, Russia, Quiyas, Saudi Arabia) and in curriculum design (U.N. New York and Geneva). She collaborates regularly with the Council of Europe in the uses and the dissemination of the CEFR in testing and assessment and is one of the authors of the Manual for Relating examinations to the CEFR (Council of Europe, 2009). She is a founding member of EALTA (European Association for Language 25_Testing and Assessment, www.ealta.eu.org), and was the first President (2004-7) of the Association. She is currently the coordinator of the EALTA CEFR SIG. Her interests include assessment literacy and the development of context relevant assessments.