



In the context of a refugee and migrant crisis, without language skills to interact outside the home, migrants and refugees struggle to integrate.

In order to help children and adults learn a foreign language better and more easily, the Akelius Foundation and UNICEF are co-developing a digital language learning platform, in collaboration with UNICEF's implementation partners.

The Akelius platform offers rich interactive multimedia that is accessed through video, audio, texts, visuals/graphics, songs and games providing meaningful content relevant to learners' needs and interests, either pre-selected by the teacher (for lower level learners) or discovered by learners when surfing digitally (higher levels).

Key principles of the Akelius platform:

- Communication

The Akelius platform prioritizes on practical language understanding and communication.

It aims for students to understand spoken and written language - the aim is to get users familiarized with conversational skills as a first step towards language acquisition.

- Thematic, Vocabulary-Focused Content

The Akelius platform is aimed at users of all ages. Therefore, vocabulary that is specific to particular age-groups has been avoided.

- Learning at one's own pace

Within the Akelius digital platform, the learner can choose their own way through the platform components according to their own needs and interests, at their own pace, knowing well that they can go back to refresh their knowledge if need be before moving forward.

- Choose Different Learning Method

The freedom to choose a learning method is also a key part of the Akelius concept. Chapters will contain a mixture of activities. There are games involving chance, time pressure, trial-and-error, memory and skill. There are also math activities, songs, puzzles, guessing- and bingo-type games.