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Europe is becoming increasingly multilingual. This brings many advantages to schools and classrooms, but also numerous challenges (e.g., organizational matters and the curriculum). According to the results of a 2015 PISA study, 12.5% of children over 15 come from migrational backgrounds in OECD countries. This presents schools, and in particular teachers, with different obstacles.

The "Multilingual Group of the European Literacy Network," a group of researchers from across Europe focusing on multilingualism, developed a questionnaire for teachers in multilingual classrooms as part of the COST Action IS1401. With this questionnaire, we obtained and analyzed information about teachers' knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors regarding multilingualism.