

## METHOD DESCRIPTION - SWITZERLAND

### Name of the method

isa (*Informationstelle fuer Auslanderinnen und Auslanderfragen*) provides courses in German, as well as integration courses with courses being held in and around the city of Bern. isa is an independent association with mandate from „*Leistungsverträge mit der Gesundheits- und Fürsorgedirektion (Fachstelle Integration) und mit der Erziehungsdirektion (Abteilung Weiterbildung) des Kantons Bern.*”

Lessons are based on the needs and speed of the participants, and their day-to-day life in Switzerland. The main emphasis is for the migrants to comfortably express themselves in daily situations. Integration questions are included in the training material.

### Target group

The entry level courses are aimed primarily at immigrants with little formal schooling experience and who are learning German as their first foreign language and/or do not know the alphabet. The course is taught at a slow pace.

### Short description

Isa focuses on the integration of migrants living in Switzerland. They are actively represented in working groups and technical committees and they are committed to increase participation of the migrants.

### Aims

The main objectives are:

- to develop communication skills in the German language through speaking, listening, reading and writing exercises. Learning content of the German courses are in the range of A1-A2 of the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference).
- orientation in everyday life in Switzerland.

### Resources needed

The cost of courses are very affordable due to the subsidies isa is getting:

- One lesson of 50 minutes costs CHF 6.20.
- Material costs per course/per semester is flat rate of CHF 60.
- Integration course per lesson is CHF 9 plus material costs of CHF 25.

### Helpful Information/Links

isa is a recognised association under the ZGB (Zivilgesetzbuch). Membership is open to any legal person. As a member, one has an opportunity to become patron / patroness of isa.

<http://integration-be.ch>

<http://www.isabern.ch/kurse/>



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