Based on the results of several research projects supported by Wallonia since 2007, Platon is an online computer-assisted language-learning (CALL) platform (http://cental.uclouvain.be/platon), which focuses on spelling and offers automated exercises of school dictation.

For over 14 years, Pr C. Fairon’s team (UCL-CENTAL) has experimented with the use of Natural Language Technologies in text mining, text correction and language learning and testing. In this framework, Platon was initially developed by Dr R. Beaufort and S. Roekhaut in order to go beyond traditional dictation exercises by offering a formative evaluation tool that helps users to diagnose their weaknesses and improve their skills.

During the 2012-2013 academic year, the platform was tested in real conditions by learners and teachers of different levels (primary, secondary and university), and improved thanks to the support of the UCL pedagogical fund (FDP).

In 2014, a licence was granted to Altissia, a language learning company, well known for its platform “Wallangues.be” and the development of the Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support tools. Altissia will now commercialize Platon and use its technologies to develop market specific solutions for professional users.

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