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The talk will focus on the process followed to update the 2014 Chilean English Teacher Training Standards, project carried out during the year 2018. The updating of these standards did not only involve the discipline and the pedagogy of English teaching, but also the skills needed to manage oneself in the XXI century, such as team work, critical thinking, creativity, a sense of social justice. The talk will also open the discussion to the impact of these Standards in the Chilean National Curriculum, the teacher education programmes curricula and the language and assessment policies in the country.