

Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity

The Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity (NPLD) is a pan-European Network which encompasses regional, minority, indigenous, cross-border and smaller national languages (RMILs) established in 2007 to promote linguistic diversity in the context of a multilingual Europe.

Aims and Objectives

- Exchanging best practice
- Undertaking project work
- Lobbying force in Brussels
- Partnership forming
- Capacity building

One of the Network's aim is to **facilitate the sharing of existing best practice** and the development of new and innovative ideas across the field of language planning in education, the home, the workplace, legislation and the media for RMILs. As language planners we are aware that many of the issues facing these linguistic communities will be very similar and that sharing best practice is essential if these languages are to survive and flourish.

The Network will be vital in the process of **finding partners for projects** which are compatible with one another. The Network will also provide information on **sources of funding** which are available and accessible to RMILs from across Europe. **Project work will be a vital element** of the work of the Network and will provide partners with innovative and varied opportunities to participate in high quality, pan-European partnerships to deliver real solutions to language planning challenges.

Priorities

- Intergenerational language transmission and pre-school learning
- Motivation to learn and increasing usage
- RMILs in healthcare

Proposed projects

- language transmission within the family
- healthcare

Participants

The Network will comprise two levels of membership – **full members** who will fund and govern the Network, and **associate members** who can discuss and participate in the Network.

Current full members: Irish Government, Foras na Gaeilge; Estonian Government, Dept. of Education; Welsh Government, Bwrdd yr Iaith Gymraeg; Scottish Government, Bord na Gaidhlig; Swedish-Finnish Government, Folktinget; Breton Regional Council, Dept. of Education and Culture; Frisian Government, Dept. of Education and Culture; EBLUL; Linguamon, Catalan Government.

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