

Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity

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- ◆ The new network
- ◆ European level
- ◆ Developments for regional languages since the 1970s
- ◆ National and regional developments
- ◆ Language planning
- ◆ The Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity (NPLD) and Basque, Occitan, Corsican



Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe, Article 1-3

The Union's objectives

- ◆ It shall respect its rich cultural and linguistic diversity, and shall ensure that Europe's cultural heritage is safeguarded and enhanced.
- ◆ NPLD – striving to promote European linguistic diversity



EU Level Developments

◆ Legislation

- Draft Constitution of the European Union, Article 3 – Respect for Linguistic Diversity

◆ Council of Europe

- European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages
- Framework Convention

EU Level Developments

- ◆ European Parliament
 - ARFÈ Resolution
 - Ebner Report
 - Bernat Joan Report



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EU Level Developments

- ◆ European Commission
 - Action Plan for Linguistic Diversity
 - Framework Strategy for Multilingualism
 - High Level Group on Multilingualism
 - Lifelong Learning Programme 2007-2013
 - Culture 2007
 - ‘Mainstreaming’



Regional and Minority Languages in Europe – post 1970s



European Bureau for Lesser-Used Languages

FUEN - Federal Union of European Nationalities
UFCE - Union Fédérative des Communautés Ethniques Européennes
FUEW - Föderalistische Union Europäischer Volkgruppen
Федералистский Союз Европейских Национальных Меньшинств



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National and Regional Developments

- ◆ Regional Autonomy in Europe
- ◆ Development of linguistic legislation
- ◆ Development of Language Boards across Europe
- ◆ Development and establishment of language planning as a professional science and area of expertise (professionalisation of language planning)
- ◆ Network of Language Planning Boards – sharing of best practice



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Issues facing language planners in Europe


- ◆ Similar issues – different points on the axis
- ◆ Need to share good practise and experience
- ◆ Expansion of EU – Linguistic situation more complex
- ◆ Inherent need to support and sustain linguistic diversity.

Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity

- ◆ Funded by the European Commission (450k€ over 3 years)
- ◆ Europe wide network to promote linguistic diversity.....



Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity – aims of the Network

- ◆ Undertaking project work
 - ◆ Up to date information on regional and minority languages
 - ◆ Lobbying force in Brussels
 - ◆ Exchanging best practice
 - ◆ Partnership forming
 - ◆ Capacity building
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Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity – Advantages Networking

- The ability to embrace a broad variety of stakeholders;
- The possibility of integrating existing structures;
- Its flexibility in adapting to changing needs in the dynamic context of languages;



Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity – Advantages Networking

- ◆ Huge multiplier effect;
- ◆ Actions take place all over Europe;
- ◆ Membership constantly reviewed;
- ◆ Can get started more quickly than an agency.

Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity – task list

- ◆ Lobbying/advising
- ◆ Projects/ideas
- ◆ Bringing people together
- ◆ Best practice in language planning in Europe
- ◆ Linking with best practice world wide
- ◆ Centre of Excellence

Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity - membership

- ◆ national governments;
- ◆ regional governments;
- ◆ language planning boards;
- ◆ local authorities;
- ◆ NGOs;
- ◆ research centres;
- ◆ universities;

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LANGUAGE BOARD

Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity - membership

- ◆ schools;
- ◆ voluntary organisations;
- ◆ private foundations;
- ◆ youth organisations;
- ◆ cultural organisations;
- ◆ other groups accepted by the General Assembly.



Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity - structures

- ◆ Two tiers of membership
- ◆ Members
 - National and regional governments, language planning boards
- ◆ Associate Members
 - All other organisations

Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity - structures

- ◆ Budgetary arrangements
 - Grant funding by European Commission (450k € over 3 years)
 - Core funding – membership fees
 - Other EU funding for project work

Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity - timetable

- ◆ Official launch in January 2008 by Commissioner Orban

Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity – priorities

- ◆ Intergenerational language transmission and pre school learning
- ◆ Motivation to learn and increasing usage
- ◆ Healthcare

Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity – proposed projects

- ◆ Promoting languages to young people



Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity – proposed projects

- ◆ From Act to Action
- ◆ Project sharing best practice on the implementation of language legislation for civil servants

Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity – Basque

- ◆ Benefits for Basque, Occitan, Corsican
- ◆ Share in expertise on best practice in language planning and revitalisation
- ◆ Able to participate on funded language projects
- ◆ Up to date news and lobbying service in Brussels
- ◆ High profile European level organisation

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