Open working session

Plurilingualism intercultural understanding and promotion of minority and regional languages

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🕒 14:30 - 17:00 pm

Language diversity is one of the milestones of the EU. The working session trends to alert the public to the importance of language learning and diversifying the range of languages learnt in order to increase plurilingualism and intercultural understanding, including the promotion of minority languages. The workshop will analyse successful multilingualism policies, as they can strengthen the life chances of citizens: it may increase their employability, facilitate access to services and rights, and contribute to solidarity through enhanced intercultural dialogue and social cohesion.

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14:30	Opening speech	 Ana Ollo, Regional Minister for Citizens and Institutional Relationships - Government of Navarra Karl Vanlouwe, President of European Alliance Groupat the Committee of the Regions Vesna Crnic-Grotic, Chair of the Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages – Council of Europe
14:40	European Day of Languages: diversity as a key value of Europe and the Union Moderator: Johan Hagmann No formal presentations, the moderator will table questions to the panel. Debate open to the public.	Sabrina Rasom. Fassa Valley, Province of Trento, Italy (NPLD) Enric Morera, President of Corts Valencianes Kieran Mccarthy, COR Member from Cork
15:30	Coffee break	
15:45	Regional Cooperation to promote regional and minority languages in the EU Moderator: Mikel Irujo, COR Member No formal presentations, the moderator will table questions to the panel. Debate open to the public.	Loránt Vincze, President of the Federal Union of Euro- pean Nationalities – FUEN Davyth Hicks, Secretary General European Language Equality Network (ELEN) Mathieu Bergè, Nouvelle Aquitaine-Euskadi- Navarre Euroregion
16:30	Language Diversity and the Role of the European Parliament	Jill Evans, MEP Greens/EFA
16:45	Closing speech - Navarrorum exhibition	Peio Monteano PhD, Royal and General Archive of Navarra