Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity

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- European network working in the field of language policy and planning for CRSS Languages

- It includes Governments -both national and regional- and Universities and Associations as its members
The NPLD represents 17 European languages:

Catalan, Occitan, Gaelic, Irish, Basque, Galician, Corsican, Breton, Welsh, Macedonian, Friulian, Frisian, Ladin, Norwegian, Finnish, Swedish,
- It is the recognised voice in Europe protecting Constitutional, Regional and Small-state languages in the EU.

- It provides international visibility for regional languages in Europe, ensuring that it portrays all languages - regardless of number of speakers political status - as an opportunity for the personal, social and economic development of societies.

- It has high prestige with the European institutions such as the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council of Europe.

- It promotes the sharing and exchange of best practices among its members, policy makers, practitioners, researchers and experts across Europe.

- It is a unique platform where you can have access to European experts and to the latest developments in language planning and management in Europe.
It publishes reports developed by prominent European experts on the current issues in the context of lesser-used languages such as languages and migration, languages and the economy, etc.

It keeps members constantly updated on the latest developments through periodic policy briefings and reports on multilingualism.

It provides opportunities for members to create working groups on specific topics.

It offers advice on developing holistic, high quality strategic plans for your language, along with information and guidance on funding opportunities that are available at EU level.

It has a proactive Secretariat in Brussels, a true European antenna to follow the latest developments on multilingualism in Europe and across the world.
NPLD monitors EU development on language issues from an interdisciplinary approach

NPLD exchanges best practices and provides advice in language related issues

NPLD promotes understanding, collaboration and partnerships in field of linguistic diversity

NPLD works in close collaboration with the European Parliament and informs the European Commission on CRSS language development

NPLD acts as an advisory capacity to EU institutions, autonomous governments, research centres and associations on all aspects of language policy, language promotion and regeneration

NPLD represents all CRSS language communities, with a special regard for those that are endangered or that face conditions that may endanger or hinder language development
2015 European Roadmap for linguistic diversity:

- To reaffirm “the European Union’s commitment to linguistic diversity”

- To ensure “that the languages spoken in Europe, international, national, regional, minority, endangered and migrant languages are seen as common assets which need to be supported, promoted and protected

- Well thought-out policies and initiatives are called for

- Contains four major practical lines of action the European Union and Institutions should undertake to safeguard minority languages
2015 European Roadmap for linguistic diversity: lines of action

- The European Union adopts a holistic multilingualism policy which includes the range of languages spoken in Europe
- Languages play a determinant role on social cohesion, personal, social and economic development as well as for mobility
- Information and Communication Technologies are used to enhance language learning, promotion and visibility of all languages
- Support is provided for Regional, Minority and Endangered Languages in Europe; the most vulnerable languages of Europe
‘All languages are the expression of a collective identity and of a distinct way of perceiving reality and must therefore be able to enjoy the conditions required for their development in all functions’

Article 7, Universal Declaration of Linguistic Rights