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EFNIL & its activities

'National' languages and multilingualism in Europe

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What is EFNIL?



- Established in 2003 (Stockholm)
- 33 member institutions from 23 EU member states
(Spain, Portugal, Czechia & Cyprus EU-member states not represented)
- 7 member institutions from 6 non-EU states of Europe
(Georgia, Iceland, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, UK)
- 18 conferences, # topics of common interest
- Projects, esp. LLE, ELM, ELIPS
- Founding member of ECSPM
- Like ECSPM a partner in ELE

Goals & objectives



- (a) Collection & exchange of information about official standard languages of the EU
- (b) Provision of expert advice about language policy in the EU
- (c) Preservation of linguistic diversity within Europe
- (d) Promotion of plurilingualism amongst the citizens of the EU states

Projects: LLE and ELM



- LLE = Language Legislation in Europe
 - A survey of the legal framework concerning the status of the language(s) of a country: constitution, language law(s), other language related regulations.
 - See: <http://www.efnil.org/projects/lle>
- ELM = European Language Monitor
 - Monitors status & use of languages in the various member countries of EFNIL. Renewal of data creates a longitudinal dimension: ELM 1 up to 4.
 - Aspects such as: (a) national language vs. regional/minority, (b) legislation / administrative regulations, (c) language use in education and research (d) language use in business, (e) language use in mass media, (f) dissemination of the official language(s) abroad and (g) language institutions (policy - research)
 - See: <http://www.efnil.org/projects/elm>

Projects: ELIPS – Master Thesis



- ELIPS = European Languages and their Intelligibility in the Public Space
 - Monitors specific policies regarding the use of languages as instruments of communication for government, legislation and public administration
 - Aspects such as: (a) use of plain language, (b) use of easy-to-read language, (c) legislative & administrative terminology, (d) use of other languages than the official one in communication with inhabitants, (e) gender neutrality and cultural diversity.
 - Results to be published early next year. See: <http://www.efnil.org/projects/elips>
- Master Thesis Competition (Pilot)
 - 3 winners each year / first edition summer 2020 – now call 2021
 - After pilot phase: evaluate, adjust, extend to PhD
 - See call: <http://www.efnil.org/master-thesis-award>

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Mission

European Federation of National Institutions for Language

All the member states of the European Union have institutions whose role is to promote the official language or languages of the country, advising on language use, and developing language policy.

The European Federation of National Institutions for Language provides a forum for these institutions to exchange information, to share their work and to gather and publish information on language use and language policy within the European Union.

In addition, the Federation encourages the study of the official European languages and a coordinated approach towards mother-tongue and foreign-language learning, as a means of promoting linguistic and cultural diversity within the European Union.

The Federation was founded by the General Assembly of its member institutions in Stockholm on 14 October 2003 ([see Constitution](#)).

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News

- Banana bread, selfies and social distancing: the first major English-Irish dictionary in over 60 years published Nov 03, 2020
- The Results of the EFNIL Master's Thesis Competition Sep 09, 2020
- EFNIL General Assembly and webinar in 2020 Aug 17, 2020
- New language law and new white paper on languages Jun 22, 2020
- EFNIL Annual Conference 2020 Feb 03, 2020
- Presentation about EFNIL at the ConsILR Conference Dec 23, 2019
- 17th Annual Conference in Tallinn Nov 11, 2019
- New Report on Language Technology