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European Civil Society Platform
for Multilingualism



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ABOUT US

We are a European civil society platform, launched by the European Commission in 2009. Since 2014 we are an independent umbrella organisation of associations, networks and research centres in Europe and beyond. Our organisation is on the EU Transparency Register, and our secretariat is in Copenhagen. Hence, we operate under Danish law.

Committed to taking action to preserve the linguistic and cultural resources of Europe and to contribute to the effective management of its linguistic diversity, we are concerned with the equity and preservation of all the languages spoken in Europe.

Since 2018 we have been developing the CURUM constituency - a cluster of academic units researching issues related to bi-/multilingualism and plurilingualism in education other social institutions.

We are also affiliated with partners who bring expertise in language policy, language education, lifelong learning and multilingual technologies.



COMMUNICATION

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Looking us up: Find out more about who we are, how we are organised as a body, what events we organise, news regarding actions we carry out, and all about membership.

Posting information: We locate and post information about important events, research and publications connected to our concerns, and we welcome information from you.



OUR MISSION

While we continue to problematise the concepts of "multi-/plurilingualism" and other related notions, we are concerned about the use of languages in today's globalising world, where increasing mobility, information technology and knowledge are key determinants for social transformation, protection of the environment, human development, social justice and inclusion in all levels of education.

We view the creative use and synthesis of languages and other modes of communication (i.e., visual, audio, spatial) as important to effective communication, a means to cognitive and cultural enrichment in educational contexts that increasingly aim at plurilingual pedagogies, with a view to enabling learners to participate fully in our dynamic, linguistically and culturally diverse societies. We consider it our responsibility to encourage people to use creative practices across linguistic and cultural barriers.

Seeking to influence European decision-making regarding language and language education policies, our basic purpose is to offer expert advice and assist the implementation of policies valuing European linguistic and cultural diversity, making sure that Europeans respect language rights, the right of all students to develop literacy in their home or community language(s) and to learn other languages in addition to the official language of the school. It is equally important for us to contribute with research-based ideas regarding new paradigms in education.



OUR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

- We hold a General Assembly every year, parallel to our annual symposia but the Executive Committee meets regularly online to plan new actions, decide on new projects, etc.
- We initiate, participate and support research related to multilingualism and plurilingualism at all levels of education and projects linked to language technology
- We hold academic symposia with distinguished speakers from all over Europe and beyond, and every year they are hosted by a different European university
- We organise seminars and workshops related to our work with different stakeholders to disseminate information from our activities and research results
- We take politically motivated actions regarding languages, language education and language rights
- We participate and support academic publications and policy drafting.