

Adult education in selected regional and minority languages – a short overview

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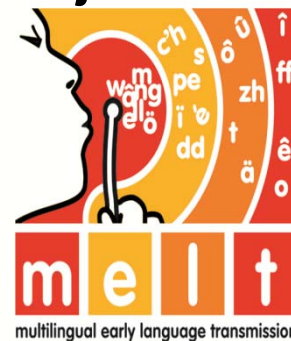
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Overview presentation

- The Mercator Research Centre at the Fryske Akademy
- A comparison of adult education in different RML regions in Europe
- Distance learning
- Discussion & conclusion
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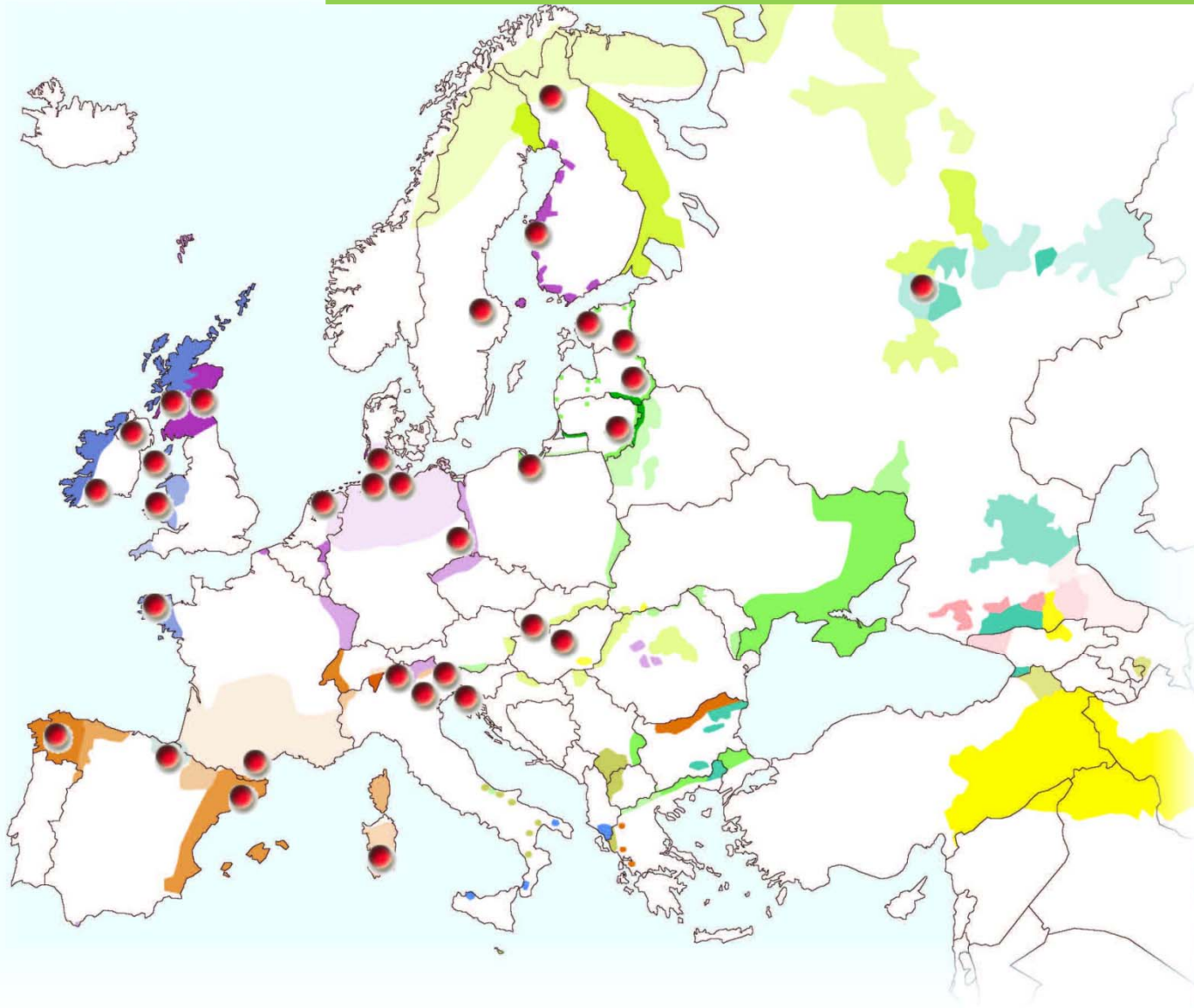
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- Research
 - More Languages,
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 - Added Value of Multilingualism
- Cooperation in European projects and networks:



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- 92 members
- 32 regions

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- Conferences & seminars
 - 7-8 April 2011: 'Languages of the Wider World': Understanding Resilience and Shift in Regional and Minority languages
 - 25-27 May 2011: Cultural education and civil society: how can languages contribute?



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- Publications
 - Articles
 - Research reports
 - Mercator Network Newsletter
 - Regional dossiers
 - 40 titles
 - Updated every 7 years
 - Available online
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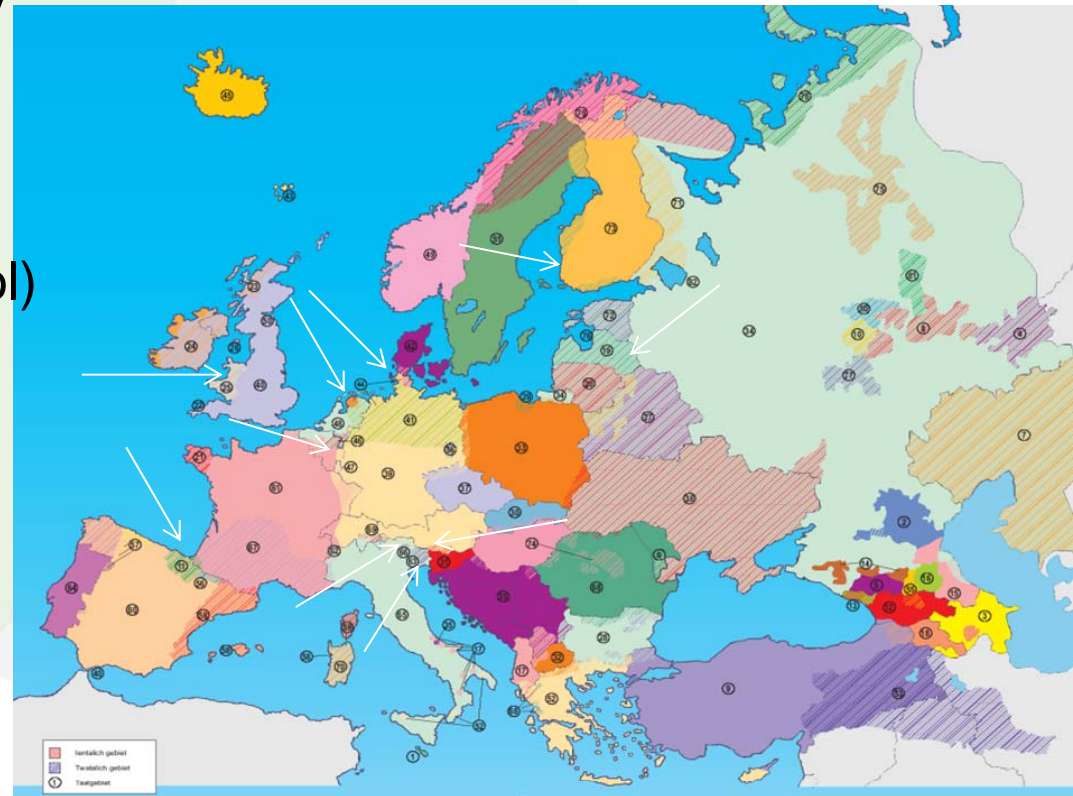
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Comparison of adult education - 1

- Goal
- Selection of languages
 - North Frisian – Germany
 - German – Belgium
 - Slovene – Austria
 - Slovene – Italy
 - German – Italy (Süd Tirol)
 - Frisian – Netherlands
 - Welsh – UK
 - Swedish – Finland
 - Latgalian – Latvia
 - Basque – Spain

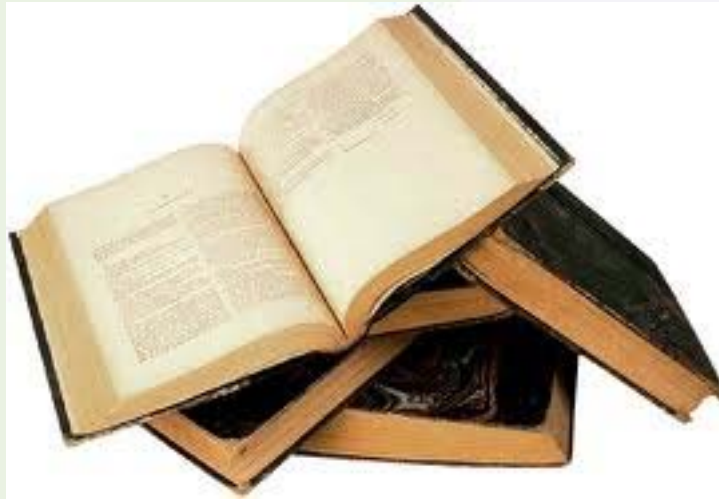


Comparison of adult education - 2

- What is adult education?
- Different aspects
 - Specific legislation
 - Kin-state
 - RML as subject
 - RML as medium of instruction
 - Bilingual courses
 - Official certificates
 - Course providers

Comparison – legislation

- No specific laws for RMLs
- Germany: right to adult education in constitution

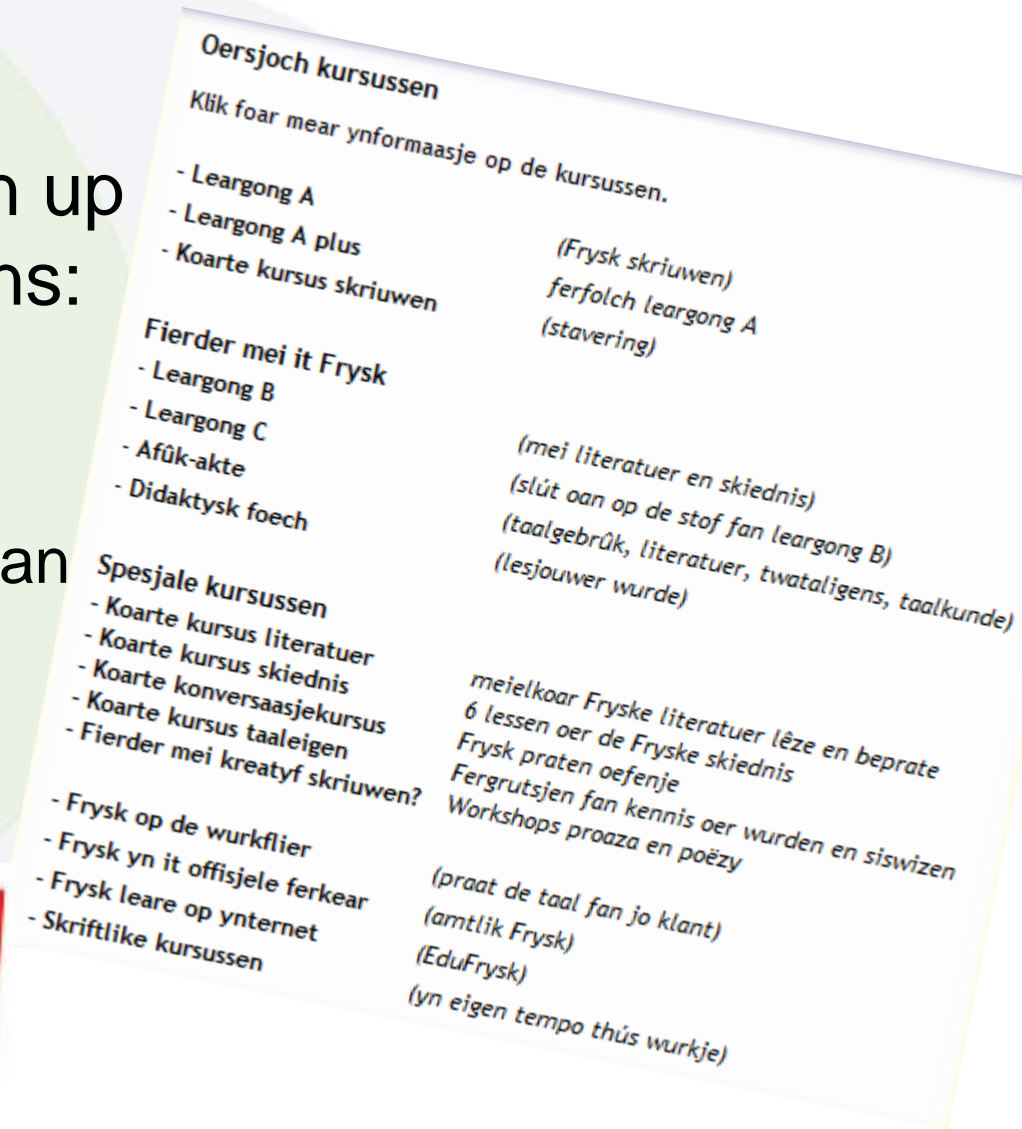


Comparison – kin state

- 5 of the selected languages have kin state
- Courses with RML as medium of instruction
 - Exceptions:
 - Slovene in Italy
 - Welsh in the UK
 - Basque in Spain
 - Latgalian in Latvia

Comparison – RML as subject

- All languages
 - From limited provision up to wide array of options:
 - Latgalian
- vs
- Welsh, Basque, German (Italy), (Frisian)



Comparison – RML as medium of instruction

- Not for all languages
- Related to kin state
- German in Belgium:
 - housekeeping, foreign languages, accounting
 - Arbeitsamt (job centre)
- Wales:
 - Media, business administration, agriculture, early years education
- Südtirol, Italy
 - 2270 courses within 13 thematic areas



Comparison – special case

- Summer courses
 - Intensive
 - 1, 2, 3, ... weeks
 - RML only
 - Language + culture
 - North Frisian
 - Frisian
 - Latgalian - discontinued
 - languages without kin states

Comparison – bilingual courses

- Not often, but a few examples
 - Slovene in Austria
 - Swedish in Finland: institutions becoming more bilingual
 - German in Süd Tirol



Comparison – bilingual courses - 2

Origami, die japanische Kunst des Papierfaltens / Origami l'antica arte di piegare la carta

40B Origami, die japanische Kunst des Papierfaltens In Japan spielen gefaltete Figuren bei vielen Festen noch heute eine wichtige Rolle. In diesem Kurs werden einige traditionelle japanische Figuren präsentiert und auch selbst gefaltet. Dazu wird traditionelles japanisches Papier verwendet. Origami l'antica arte di piegare la carta In Giappone ancora oggi durante alcune feste tradizionali alcune figure piegate con la tecnica del origami hanno un ruolo molto significativo. Durante il corso verranno presentati e piegati alcune delle figure della tradizione giapponese. E per restare in tema verrà usata la carta tradizionale.

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Meran, Urania-Haus

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Comparison – certificates

- RML as subject
- RMLs with large variety of language courses, also have certificates:
 - Welsh
 - Frisian
 - Basque
 - German in Italy
- RML as medium of instruction: depends on subject



Comparison – providers

Large variety:

- Public / Government
- Private
- Voluntary
- Cultural associations
- Language associations
- Official schools
- Church
- Media



Distance learning

- One of many online possibilities
- Advantages
 - Time independent
 - Place independent
 - Different target group
 - No minimum number of students needed
- Examples
 - Wales
 - Basque Country
 - Fryslân: Edufrysk
 - North Frisia: edufrysk being developed

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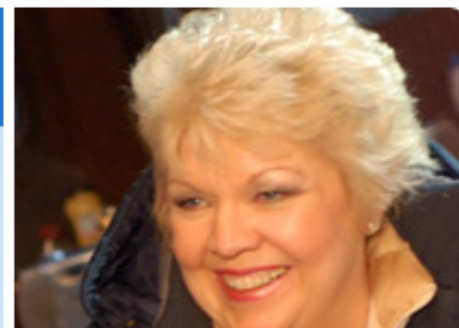
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5 famous faces to help**

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- ▶ "Godidog, ardderchog, bendigedig.." say learners on BBC visit
- ▶ The Big Welsh Challenge wedding - now online



Distance learning – Edufrysk

- Language and culture
- ‘supermarket’
 - adapted to individual learner
 - choice of level, lessons, learning route, and materials
- Texts, poems, games, clips, songs
 - Subtitles
 - Pop-up translation
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- Possibility of contact with teachers and fellow-students



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Begjinne

Jo leardoel is:

Lêzen en staverjen leare op it nivo Fuortset
[Wolle jo in nij leardoel of in oar nivo? Klik hjir.](#)

Hoe kinne jo jo leardoel berikke?
As jo jo leardoel en jo begjinnivo oanjouwe, dan wurde foar jo in stikmannich lesplannen útsocht. Klik op in lesplan om it aktyf te meitsjen. Wolle jo leaver sels losse lessen útsykje? Gean dan nei it kursussintrum.

Lesplan stavering

De stavering útlein yn 16 koarte filmkes
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Wurd abonnee

Jo meitsje no fergees gebrûk fan eduFrysk. Wollo jo tagong ha ta al it lesmateriaal, nim dan in abonnemint op eduFrysk.
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Nij: de stavering yn 16 filmkes

Discussion & conclusion – 1

- Adult education is a broad field
 - Subjects (further education – hobby/interest – personal development)
 - Level
 - Intensive / extensive
 - Certificate
 - Provider (public / private / ...)
- Large variety in provision
 - RML as subject
 - RML as medium of instruction

Discussion & conclusion – 2

- Role kin state
- Summer courses – no kin state
- Courses on demand
- Distance learning



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Featured Expert / Area of focus:

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She is a member of the Executive Committee of Aila (International Association of Applied Linguistics) and vice-president of the International Association of Multilingualism. She is editor (in collaboration with Ulrike Jessner) of the International Journal of Multilingualism (Routledge). [Read more...](#)

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