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## TISKOVNA IZJAVA – PRESS RELEASE

### Early Multilingualism – Zgodnja večjezičnost

The Council of the Carinthian Slovenes / Narodni svet koroških Slovencev organises together with the Network for Multilingualism and Linguistic Diversity, RML2future, its third **Regional Conference on the subject of »Early Multilingualism« in Celovec / Klagenfurt from 25 – 27 September 2011.**

Pre-school and school education is very important for early language learning. The objective of the conference is to use the existing bilingualism and multilingualism **that is available amongst minorities and in multilingual regions by nature**, in an effective way and for the advancement of the European objective of multilingualism from early childhood on.

The experiences and projects in regard to bilingual, trilingual and quadrilingual language teaching in daycare centres and schools in **Carinthia**, in the border region of Austria, Slovenia and Italy, offer the basis for reflection.

The **conference will be opened on Sunday 25 September 2011 at 19:00 hr** by the chairman of the Council of Carinthian Slovenes Dr. Valentin Inzko and President Hans Heinrich Hansen of the European umbrella organisation FUEN (Federal Union of European Nationalities).

We expect more than **75 participants from 11 European countries** – amongst them representatives from South Tyrol, Burgenland, West-Friesland, the German-speaking Community in Belgium, Lusatia in Germany, the German-Danish border region, Hungary and Russia.

The **conference takes place around the European Day of Languages 2011**, which is celebrated Europe-wide on 26 September 2011. The European Day of Languages originates from the enthusiasm with which the European Year of Languages was celebrated for the first time in 2011. Since then there have been activities in all 47 member states of the Council of Europe on 26 September, in which linguistic diversity and language learning are highlighted.

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**Venue:**

The Regional Conference will take place on Sunday (25 September) and Monday (26 September) in Mohorjeva / Hermagoras House and on Tuesday (27 September) in Carinthia Stadthotel:

**Mohorjeva / Hermagoras**

Viktringer Ring 26

9020 Celovec / Klagenfurt am Wörthersee

[www.mohorjeva.at/hermagoras](http://www.mohorjeva.at/hermagoras)

**The entrance is on 10. Oktoberstraße/street 25.**

**Carinthia Stadthotel Kampitsch KEG**

8. Mai Straße 39

9020 Celovec / Klagenfurt am Wörthersee

[www.stadthotel.co.at](http://www.stadthotel.co.at)

**Official opening**

The Regional Conference will be opened on Sunday 25 September 2011 in Mohorjeva / Hermagoras House at 19:00 hr.

**Activity to mark the the European Day of Languages**

On Monday 26 September 2011 at 10:00 hr the participants of the conference will visit the new secondary school of Klagenfurt-Wölfnitz, where they will tell the school students about regional and minority languages and linguistic diversity in Europe.

The **full programme** you can find at>>:

Programme of the Third Regional Conference in Celovec / Klagenfurt >>

Programme of the Third Regional Conference in Celovec / Klagenfurt ([slovenisch](#)) >>

If you have any further **questions**, please contact Marko Oraž.

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