

Network for multilingualism and linguistic diversity in Europe
Netzwerk für Mehrsprachigkeit und sprachliche Vielfalt in Europa

Conference on European language policy for regional and minority languages 17-18 January 2012

Programme

Venue: EURAC – EUROPEAN ACADEMY BOZEN/BOLZANO
Viale Druso, 1 / Drususallee 1
39100 Bolzano / Bozen - Italy

Tuesday 17 January: European language policy

From 9:00 hr Registration for the conference

09:30-11:00 hr Opening

President of EURAC **Dr. Werner Stuflesser**

Governor **Dr. Luis Durnwalder**

Words of welcome by Regional Assessor and FUEN vice-president **Dr. Martha Stocker**

Moderated by **Prof. Peter J. Weber**, University of Applied Languages in Munich, external evaluator of RML2future

Introduction to the conference

Dr. Michl Ebner, President of the Chamber of Commerce Bozen/Bolzano and former Member of the European Parliament: The Agency for Linguistic Diversity and for Language Learning – the aims of the Ebner report from 2003 and its implementation

11:00-11:30 hr *Coffee break*

Dr. Christian Gsodam, Advisor to the Secretary General, Committee of the Regions of the European Union

Prof. Dr. Alexander Bröstl, Member of the Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages.

Teresa Condeço, Multilingualism Policy Unit, European Commission, presentation of the new EU programme “**Erasmus for All**”

12:45-14:30 hr *Lunch break*



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14:30-15:30 hr Presentations

Presentation **MENON** Study of the European Parliament, **Dr. Walter Kugemann**

Presentation **EUROMOSAIC** Study, **Prof. Peter J. Weber**

Presentation **NPLD** – Network to Promote Linguistic Diversity, **Meirion Prys Jones**

Presentation **Poliglotti4.eu**, **Cor van der Meer**

Presentation **RMDSZ** - Language rights in practice - case study Romania, **Loránt Vincze**

15:30-15:45 hr *Coffee break*

15:45-17:00 hr

Panel discussion: Why is it that we don't succeed in establishing a well-functioning network that includes all the relevant actors? – effective cooperation for the regional and minority languages on European level, with representatives of NPLD, FUEN, Poliglotti4.eu, EBLUL, Mercator; moderated by **Johan Häggman**.

Conclusion, **Dr. Martha Stocker**

19:00 hr Evening programme in the EURAC-building

Presentation of the **EUROPEADA 2012** – the European football championship of the autochthonous, national minorities in Europe

Dinner together



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Wednesday 18 January 2012: RML2future conference on language promotion with practical contributions and presentations, and launch of common project ideas for regional and minority languages.

From 08:45 hr Registration

9:00-10:30 hr

Opening by **Dr. Florian Mussner**, Provincial Councillor for Ladin Culture

Welcome by Regional Assessor and FUEN-vice-president **Dr. Martha Stocker**

I) Keynote speech: Language promotion today: strategic language planning from small to big
Jeroen Darquennes, Associate Professor of German and General Linguistics at the University of Namur, Belgium

II) Language planning in practice, based on the example of the Ladins

Dr. Edith Ploner, Ladin Education Authority, Inspector for Ladin kindergartens

10:30-11:00 hr *Coffee break*

11:00-13:30 hr

III) The network RML2future and its activities: What are we doing?

Examples:

- a. Research within the network: development of learning scenarios for all levels of education for the purpose of raising awareness and understanding for regional and minority languages amongst both the majority as well as the minority population
- b. Looking into the future: the FUEN/RML2future follow-up project on raising awareness for multilingualism to achieve more creativity and innovation
- c. The competence centre – almost realised?! Planning for the coming three years

IV) Discussion with professionals from the multilingual regions: “If we would be able to wish anything, it would be...”

13:15-13:30 hr

Summary and conclusion of the conference

Hans Heinrich Hansen and **Martha Stocker**

13:30 hr Lunch and evt. departure

15:00-17:00 hr, optional

During the afternoon the participants of the conference will have the chance to exchange and deepen their knowledge in specific fields. According to registration and interests, specific topics can be discussed more intensively in small groups.



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