

First regional conference of the network *RML2future* will be in October



Together with the German-speaking Community in Belgium the network for multilingualism and linguistic diversity, in short *RML2future*, will organise its first regional conference in Eupen from 27-29 October 2009. The project partners met each other recently to prepare this conference.

The aim of the network is to support and promote multilingualism and linguistic diversity in Europe, while actively involving and using the regional and minority languages.

The conference about certification and assessment of language competences, and which is supported by the old and new education minister of the German-speaking Community, Oliver Paasch, marks the beginning of a series of expert meetings.

The objective of the expert meetings is to contribute to the use of regional education potential by cooperation of practitioners, experts and decision makers and to create more cooperation on the European level.

The conference is open to participants from the regions in Germany, Denmark, Austria, Belgium, Italy that are involved in the project as well as participants from other European minorities or regions who are interested.

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The network *RML2future* is dedicated to the support and promotion of multilingualism and linguistic diversity in Europe, while actively involving the regional and minority languages (RML).

The aim is to promote the European objective of multilingualism, in which each European citizen should learn his mother tongue plus two additional languages. The network uses therefore the European regional and minority languages in order to use these as a resource for natural bi- and multilingualism. The existing potential of multilingual regions should be exploited to reach a positive effect on the preservation of linguistic diversity, both as a European objective as well as for the intrinsic value of multilingualism.

In order to use the regional potential in the field of education as cooperation between practitioners, experts and decision makers and to create language-friendly environments (including the minority languages) in the regions, the network pursues to collect know-how in the field of language planning and language policies amongst all those that are involved.

To this effect the network, which is being funded by the European Union, organises expert meetings on a regular basis during a period of three years.

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