

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

### Network for Multilingualism visits Carinthia, meeting in Gasthaus im Landhaushof in Klagenfurt on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2010

What can the Carinthian Slovenes learn from other minorities in Europe, in the field of education? Which new impulses can the Carinthian Slovenes offer to other European minorities?

These questions were addressed on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of January – as the Network for Multilingualism and Linguistic Diversity in Europe – “RML2future”- had a meeting in Klagenfurt/Celovec with representatives of the Carinthian Slovenes. The network “RML2future” is a cooperation of six partners from all over Europe – headed by FUEN (Federal Union of European Nationalities).

The network, which is supported by the European Commission and the region of Trentino-South Tyrol, deals with all aspects of language use amongst the autochthonous minorities in Europe.

For example, the German-speaking Community in Belgium was attracted as expert for language certification. Everyone will know the Pisa-test – however in Belgium they developed a specific Pisa-procedure of their own for the school students of the German-speaking Community. As a result they have very important data that concentrate only on the specific situation of students from the minority.

Also the Council of the Carinthian Slovenes is involved in the network project. By virtue of good examples of kindergarten with education in two, three and four languages, the Carinthian Slovenes were picked out to work based on the existing initiatives. The comparison between pre-school education in the different multilingual parts of the Alpe-Adria region is another aspect the network will work on in the coming two years. The network has set as its objective to answer the question how these experiences can be used for the benefit of the other circa 300 minorities in Europe.

**More information:** [www.rml2future.eu](http://www.rml2future.eu)

#### Information about the network RML2future

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

The main aim of the network is to promote the Europe objective of multilingualism, according to which each European should learn two additional languages beyond the proficiency of his/her mother tongue. In the course of this, the European regional and minority languages are integrated and the pursuit is followed to use this resource of natural bi- and multilingualism. Because it is the potential of multilingual regions that must be exploited in regard to the European objective and in the context of a positive effect for maintaining linguistic diversity.

To exploit the regional education potentials in cooperation between practitioners, experts and decision makers, and to create the establishment of language-friendly environments in the regions, integrating the minority languages, the network is aiming at the acquisition of necessary know-how in the field of language planning and language policies amongst the participants.

For this, on a regular basis expert conferences are organised within the three years duration of the network, which is supported by the European Union.

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