

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

## Programme of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Conference in Celovec/Klagenfurt, 25-27 September 2011



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Pre-school and school education play an important role in early language learning. During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Conference of the network RML2future on the subject of **Early Multilingualism** the main topic will be a discussion on the European objective of multilingualism from an early age on in the context of minority languages and the bilingualism and multilingualism that is already there in multilingual regions.

The experiences and projects implemented in daycare centres and schools in Carinthia, in the border region of Austria, Slovenia and Italy in regard to bilingual, trilingual and quadrilingual language teaching give a good basis for reflection. Additionally further specific issues on principles of teaching/didactics, methodology and teaching materials will be discussed.

### *Sunday, 25 September 2011*

till 18:00 hr	Arrival of the participants at the different hotels in Klagenfurt
18:45 hr	By foot to the venue: Mohorjeva / Hermagoras House (guided) <a href="http://www.mohorjeva.at/hermagoras">www.mohorjeva.at/hermagoras</a> 10. Oktoberstraße 25, 9020 Klagenfurt
19:00 hr	Registration of the participants
19:30 hr	Opening of the 3rd Regional Conference of the network RML2future <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Welcome and opening by <b>Dr. Valentin INZKO</b>, High Representative and EU Special Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina and chairman of the Council of the Carinthian Slovenes / Narodni svet koroških Slovencev</li> <li>❖ Speech by the President of FUEN – Federal Union of European Nationalities – <b>Hans Heinrich HANSEN (DK)</b></li> </ul>

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19:50 hr *Introduction in the state and current situation of the Slovenian minority in Carinthia*  
**Nanti OLIP**, managing deputy chairman of the Council of the Carinthian Slovenes and vice-chairman of the Slovenian Unity Party.

*followed by discussion*

21:00 hr Opening of the buffet

**Monday, 26 September: European Day of Languages**



The European Day of Languages is celebrated each year and has its origins in the enthusiasm with which it was celebrated in 2001 (the European Year of Languages), and in the necessity to further improve language skills in Europe.

The European Day of Languages aims at raising attention for the importance of language learning, to raising awareness for all languages spoken in Europe and promote lifelong learning. This day is also a good

occasion to strengthen existing partnerships, on local, regional, national or international level.

*in Mohorjeva / Hermagoras House*

8:30 hr Registration of the participants in the Mohorjeva / Hermagoras House

9:00 hr *Early child multilingualism – models, concepts and challenges in Carinthia, in the border region of Austria, Slovenia and Italy*  
**Ao. Univ.-Prof. Mag. Dr. Georg GOMBOS**, professor of Alpes Adria University Klagenfurt, Leader of the Department for Intercultural Education and also working at the Institute for Slavic Studies; Specialisations: school pedagogic, adult education, minority research, and coaching and supervision.

11:00 hr Coffee break

11:30 hr *Multilingualism in schools – continuation of kindergarten-*

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*initiatives in compulsory education in Carinthia*  
Comparison with the schools in the Alpes-Adria Region  
**LSI Sabine Sandrieser**, School Inspector for bilingual primary and secondary schools in the Land of Carinthia.

12:00 hr	<p><i>Presentation of the working group for private bilingual and multilingual kindergartens / DS privatnih dvo- in večjezičnih vrtcev</i></p> <p><b>Mag. Jože BLAJS</b>, chairman of the Slovenian school association and leader of three kindergartens and one youth centre for high school students. Board member of the working group for bilingual and multilingual kindergartens</p>
12:45 hr	<p><i>Teacher training and insight into everyday practices</i></p> <p><b>Lucija OGOREVC-FEINIG</b>, deputy-chairwoman of the pedagogical association and teacher at the Federal Education Institute for Kindergarten Pedagogics (BAKIP) in Klagenfurt</p>
13:30 hr	Lunch
15:00 hr	<p><b>Panel discussion</b> with representatives of the regions on early multilingualism in daycare centres and continuation in primary schools: possibilities and limitations of education systems, discussion on available models of promoting early multilingualism</p>
16:30 hr	Coffee break
17:00 – 19:00 hr	<p><b>Tržnica International</b> – Market of multilingual regions The regions present themselves, their pre-school systems and schools (inter alia Carinthia, Lusatia (Germany), South Tyrol, German-speaking Community in Belgium, German-Danish border region)</p>
20:00 hr	Dinner together

### Tuesday, 27 September 2011

Venue: Carinthia Stadthotel, 8.-Mai-Strasse 39-41; A-9020 Klagenfurt

<http://www.stadthotel.co.at>

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9:00-9:15 hr	<p><b>Early multilingualism in multilingual regions – What perspective does Europe have to offer?</b> Summary of the Tržnica International – Market of multilingual regions Nadin WISSENBERG, DE</p>
9:15-10:00 hr	<p><i>Comenius - the European programme for school education; funding opportunities, e.g.: multilateral and bilateral school partnerships, Comenius-regional-partnerships, assistantships</i> <b>Edgar HUNGS</b>; BE Director of the Agency for European Education Programmes VoG; Director of the National Agency for the Programme Lifelong Learning in the German-speaking Community in Belgium</p>
10:00-10:30 hr	<p><i>Presentation of the MELT-project: The Multilingual Early Language Transmission</i> <i>A project with four language communities: Bretons in Bretagne, France, West-Frisians in the Netherlands. Swedes in Finland and the Welsh in Wales</i> <b>Idske BANGMA</b>, NL, research assistant of the Mercator European Research Centre on Multilingualism and Language Learning in Ljouwert, Westfriesland</p>
10:30-10:45 hr	Coffee break
10:45-11:45 hr	<p><b>Café Olé</b> <i>Exchange of experiences and information between the regions and between the projects and programmes that were presented</i></p>
11:45 hr	<p><b>Summary</b> of the results Questions, discussion and follow-up</p>
12:00 hr	<p>Lunch and conclusion of the conference Final words of the 3rd Regional Conference Nanti OLIP and Marko ORAŽE Hans Heinrich HANSEN, DK; President of FUEN – Federal Union of European Nationalities</p>
from 13 hr	Departure of the participants

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