



European Day of Languages 2020

EDUCATION BEGINS WITH LANGUAGE

a comprehensive approach to the teaching and learning of languages

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To celebrate the 2020 European Day of Languages, you are warmly invited to join us for an online conference from **10:00 until 12:00 CEST** (Central European Summer Time).

‘Education begins with language’ is the title of a new European Commission report, which seeks to support the implementation of the Recommendation of the Council of the European Union (EU) on a comprehensive approach to the teaching and learning of languages. The report is based on research and a series of seminars produced by the Commission.

Together, at the 2020 European Day of Languages, we will discuss

- the role of language competences in the context of the European Education Area
- how to boost foreign language learning
- how to incorporate language diversity and support literacy in all languages in schools
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Mariya Gabriel, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, will launch the discussion.

The following guest speakers will contribute to the debate

- **Isabelle Leguy** – English language inspector, General Inspectorate of the French Ministry for Education, Sports and Research
- **Gisella Langé** – General inspector for languages and advisor for curriculum development, Italian Ministry of Education
- **Christopher Textor** - Director of the Department of General Education in the Ministry of Education, Hesse, Germany
- **François Staring** – Researcher, Ecorys consultancy, London/Brussels
- **Michael Teutsch** – Head of Unit 'Schools and multilingualism', European Commission

The event will be streamed live online in English and **interpreted into French, German and Italian**.

How to participate

Please [register](#) the latest **by Friday 25 September**. You will be asked to create an EU login account before you can access the registration page. This may take a few minutes!

Submit your questions to the panel in English, French, German or Italian by email at eac-edl-2020-event@ec.europa.eu in advance and during the event via the chat box!

At **14:00 CEST**, tune in again using the same link for the release of a new video celebrating 20 years of excellence in language teaching and learning projects awarded the European Language Label or co-funded through the Erasmus+ programme.