

## **DYLAN - Language dynamics and management of diversity**

**The DYLAN project** addresses the core issue whether and, if so, how a European knowledge-based society designed to ensure economic competitiveness and social cohesion can be created despite the fact that, following enlargement, the European Union is linguistically more diverse than ever before.

**The overarching objective** is to demonstrate that, with regard to the creation of a knowledge based society, the linguistic diversity prevalent in Europe is potentially an asset rather than an obstacle. To this end, the project will address the historical, political and cultural developments that have shaped the current linguistic situation in Europe, before assessing communicative situations involving speakers of different languages in a variety of relevant contexts.

**The project** intends to show in what ways different modes of thinking and different forms of behaviour, carried by different languages can promote the creation, transfer and application of knowledge, provided citizens are enabled to understand and exploit these different ways of thinking and acting. One of the preconditions for this to occur is that citizens become multilingual. The project will provide support for the EU's language education policy, notably for the view that foreign languages constitute one of the most important "new basic skills" citizens need to acquire if they are to take an active part in the creation of a European knowledge based society.

### **Project partners**

Université de Lausanne, SCIPROM - Scientific Project Management, Université de Genève, Universität Basel, Université de Lyon 2, Universität Duisburg-Essen, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Freie Universität Berlin, Glasgow Caledonian University, Lancaster University, Université de Paris 3, University of Southern Denmark, University of Cluj-Napoca, University of Helsinki, Université Marc Bloch-Strasbourg 2, Libera Università di Bolzano, University of Ljubljana, Universität Wien, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

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