

- Theatre in Sweden : *Ulf Fembro*, Head of Torne Valley theatre.
- Music: *Erling Fredriksson*, project leader and musician for a project on songs in minority languages for youth
 Sámi Eastern Festival in Kautokeino, Norway
 The Liet Lavlut semi-final Nos-Ur in Scotland: *Brian Ó hEadhra*
 The Liet Lavlut semi-finals and its future: *Onno Falkena*
 Roma music: from Dosta campaign



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WORKSHOP II

ASSESSMENT OF ACHIEVEMENTS, SHORTCOMINGS AND CHALLENGES IN THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF LANGUAGES

The role of local, national and European NGOs in protecting and promoting languages: *Neasa Ní Chinnéide*, Secretary General of EBLUL

The NGO's assessment of the work carried out by the European institutions to support less widely used languages: *Davyth Hicks*, Eurolang

The European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages and its monitoring mechanism from an NGO perspective: *Alex Riemersma*, Mercator-Education

16.00–16.30 COFFEE BREAK

16.30–17.00 REPORTS ON THE TWO WORKSHOPS AND DEBATE

Workshop I: Guidelines on how NGOs can apply for support (from national authorities and European institutions)

Workshop II: Conclusion from NGOs in the form of recommendation to the Committee of Experts and to the Secretariat on means of improving the current monitoring system

END OF THE MEETING

CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EUROPEAN CHARTER FOR REGIONAL OR MINORITY LANGUAGES

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Venue

Kulturens Hus

09.00–09.20 OPENING SPEECH

Alexey Kozhemyakov, Head of the Secretariat of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages, Council of Europe

Neasa Ní Chinnéide, Secretary General of the European Bureau for Lesser Used Languages

09.30–11.30 SESSION I

EUROPEAN SUPPORT FOR CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AT REGIONAL LEVEL

- 1. The contribution of minority languages to regional development:**
Farid Mukhamtshin, Chair of the Committee Culture and Education, Representative of the Chamber of Regions, Chair of the State Council, Republic of Tatarstan, Russian Federation
- 2. Similarities and differences between the cultural development in different regions**
The Sami experience: *Ole-Henrik Magga*, Professor of Sami Language, Former United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
The Frisian experience: *Jannewietske de Vries*, Minister of Culture, Fryslân
- 3. Local authorities in Norrbotten and the application of the Swedish law for national minorities:** *Beatrice Nordin*, project manager, association of local authorities in Norrbotten
- 4. Linguamón-House of Languages and its web platform - an opened window to all languages of the world:** *Antoni Mir*, Director, Linguamón - Casa de les Llengües

11.30–12.00 COFFEE BREAK

12.00–13.00 SESSION II

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS AND THE NGOS DEALING WITH REGIONAL OR MINORITY LANGUAGES

- 5. Ten years with the Charter – its problems, patterns and potential:** *Jarmo Lainio*, Centre for Finnish Studies, Mälardalen University, Expert of the Committee of Experts to the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages in respect of Sweden
- 6. Strategy on Multilingualism developed by the EC:** *Kristina Cunningham*, Policy Officer, European Commission - Directorate General for Education and Culture
- 7. Linguistic emancipation through European cooperation - The NGOs and the Charter:** *Leena Huss*, Associate Professor in Finno-Ugric languages and Research director, former Swedish member to the Committee of Experts to the ECRML

13.00–13.45 LUNCH

13.45–14.30 BIRTHDAY CAKE & PARTY CELEBRATING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EUROPEAN CHARTER FOR REGIONAL OR MINORITY LANGUAGES!

14.30–16.00 AFTERNOON SESSION WORKSHOP I

GUIDELINES FOR REQUESTING SUPPORT TO EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS FOR CULTURAL EVENTS

Sharing information on good practices of different cultural events in regional or minority languages and how to get support for those events: