



Celebration of the European Day of the Languages 2019

Brussels EU Office of the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia

Rue du Commerce 49

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At least 40 million citizens in the European Union regularly use a regional and lesser-used language, accounting for more than 60 European regional or lesser-used language communities.

Their recognition has come a long way. In the past, regional languages were seen as a threat to national integrity, were discouraged and even suppressed. However, the idea that regional and minority languages spoken in European regions are an integral part of and enrich the European cultural heritage as a whole, is slowly starting to become predominant.

The Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia -as well as other territories of Italy, such as the Autonomous Province of Trento- can boast a great diversity of regional and minority languages in Western Europe and it is a good example of this richness. The peoples of these territory have preserved their languages -not without difficulty- to the present day, what constitutes a cause for pride and strengthens the uniqueness of both territories.

On occasion of the **European Day of the Languages**, the Autonomous Region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia office in Brussels and the Network to Promote the Linguistic Diversity (NPLD), in collaboration with the Autonomous Province of Trento want to celebrate the linguistic and cultural richness of these two territories, which symbolically represents all minority communities in Europe. The event will be conducted in Italian and will be moderated by Raffaella Viviani, Head of office of the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia in Brussels.

AGENDA		
18.00-18.15	Welcoming Words	<p>Pierpaolo Olla Service for Minority Languages of the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia Director</p> <p>Michele Michelini Brussels EU Liaison Office of the Province of Trento Head of office</p> <p>Sabrina Rasom NPLD Vice Chair</p>
18.15-18:45	Keynote speech: <i>The Linguistic Diversity in the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia</i>	<p>William Cisilino ARLeF Director</p>
18:45-19.10	Poetry reading	Friulian, German, Slovenian, Ladin, Mòcheno, Cimbrian and Italian
19.10-19.30	Network reception with local wine	

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