“Linguistic diversity is a challenge for Europe but, in our view, a rewarding challenge”

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Multilingualism is central

- Culture
- Immigration
- Common foreign policy
- Intercultural dialogue
- Respect
- Solidarity
- Security
- Education
- Tolerance
- Competitiveness
- Training
- Lifelong learning
- Trade
- Workers mobility
Multilingualism: the role of the EU

- Develop quality education
- Encourage cooperation between Member States
- Support and supplement Member State action, while fully respecting their responsibility for the content of teaching and the organisation of education systems and their cultural and linguistic diversity.
2002 : Barcelona EU Council

Language objective : 
Mother Tongue + 2
Multilingualism: an asset for Europe and a shared commitment
Promote multilingualism for intercultural dialogue and social cohesion

- Teaching host country language for jobs and integration
- Valuing migrant’s linguistic competences for intercultural dialogue and economic competitiveness
The EU and migration

- Better integration of migrants in the work force
- Labour migration policy

European Platform Against Poverty

Develop a new agenda for migrants' integration to enable them to take full advantage of their potential
The EU and migration

- Promote harmonious integration by balancing migrants' rights and duties, including **specific measures to promote language learning**
- **Respect for the identities** of the Member States and the EU and for their values
- Combat **discrimination** against migrants
- Evaluate families' **capacity to integrate** through their knowledge of the **host country language**
## Language support

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EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth
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More information:

Multilingualism:
http://ec.europa.eu/education/languages/index_en.htm

Education:
http://ec.europa.eu/education/index_en.htm