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# Save endangered languages!

## What we know:

Languages are endangered

## What we want:

To protect linguistic rights of many

## What we do:

We are kicking off the European platform to share and support the idea of regional and minority languages awareness through education, research and developing teaching materials and tools

## Join the movement!

Heritage is condensed knowledge



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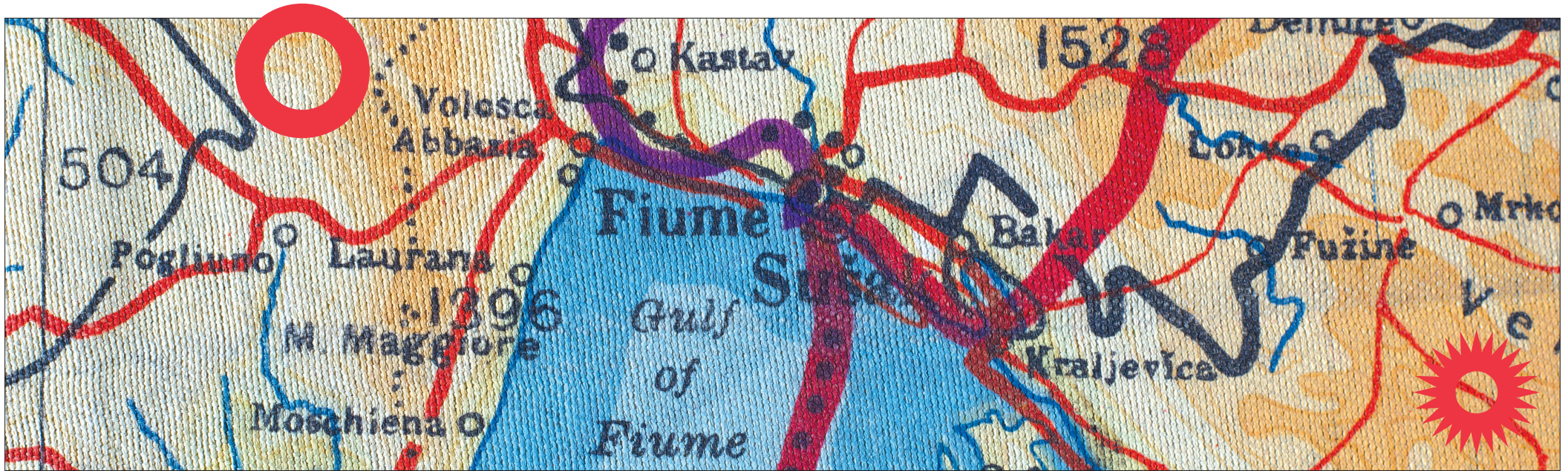


When a language dies,  
what happens to culture?

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**In the Anthropocene** humans have not only significantly depleted global ecology but are equally endangering own cultural heritage. The extinction of languages prevents us permanently from approaching the entire cultures. This process needs our immediate attention.

**language is safe** when spoken by all generations; intergenerational transmission is uninterrupted

**language is vulnerable** when most children speak the language, but it may be restricted to certain domains (e.g., home)

**language is definitely endangered**  
when children no longer learn the language as their mother tongue in their homes

**language is severely endangered**  
when spoken only by grandparents and older generations; while the parent generation may understand it, they do not speak it to children or among themselves

**language is critically endangered**  
when the youngest speakers are grandparents and older, and they speak the language partially and infrequently

**language is extinct** when there are no speakers left

The Primorje-Gorski kotar county is the area of exceptional linguistic dialects and idioms. One of them is the Kastav Chakavian that is spoken by less than 1000 people. The linguistic micro-environment of the Kastav neighborhood is the starting point in building the European collaborative platform connecting the European neighborhoods in the context of Rijeka 2020 European Capital of Culture as a starting point.