



## Glimpse into a new language on the European Day of Languages – Register now

The European Commission and the Language Centre of the University of Helsinki are organising this year's main event in Finland in celebration of the European Day of Languages. A series of sessions organised and materials published over the weeklong celebration from 26 September to 2 October highlight the importance of language diversity as well as viewpoints related to the continuous learning of languages and interaction.

The events are aimed at language learners of all ages in schools, educational institutions and universities – in other words, all of us who are interested in learning languages, multilingualism, cultural diversity, cultural insight and interaction.

On **Wednesday, 29 September at 15.00–16.30**, a panel discussion targeted at language professionals will be held on the topic '**Supporting multilingualism in everyday life, work life and society**'.

The **main event 'What do language skills consist of?'** will be streamed live from Think Corner on **Friday, 1 October at 9.30–11.00**. A number of introductory lessons in different languages will also be held on **Friday, 1 October, from 11.30 to 15.00**. The lessons provide a chance to familiarise yourself, online, with a new language or a language you are already familiar with.

No advance knowledge of the languages or topics is required for attending the lessons. On offer are both basics in various languages and introductory lessons that promote communication skills. The lessons are open to independent learners as well as entire groups, who can attend them via a single device. The duration of each introductory lesson is 15 minutes, and more than one lesson can be attended.

The introductory lessons are organised by Language Centre teachers and partners collaborating in the event organisation. Participation in the events and introductory lessons is free of charge, but advance registration is required. The entire language selection of the introductory lessons, the website for the series of events, instructions for registration, collaboration partners and the programme will be published in the week of 6 September.

### Registration for all events is now open here:

<https://www2.helsinki.fi/en/conferences/european-day-of-languages>

**Collaboration partners:** Ministry of Education and Culture, Finnish National Agency for Education, Network of Finnish University Language Centres FINELC, Trade Union of Education OAJ, Finnish Association of the Deaf, Sámi Parliament, National Advisory Board on Romani Affairs, Association of Teachers of Finnish as a Mother Tongue, Federation of Foreign Language Teachers in Finland SUKOL, Teachers of Finnish as a Second Language, Tuglas Society, Union of Teachers with Different Linguistic and Cultural Backgrounds

### Keep yourself up to date with announcements relating to the weeklong series of events:

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