

Full-Time Studies Semester 1, 2 WINTER SCHOOL

Module 1 European Studies through Digital European Languages Policies

Practical workshop No. 1

Topic 1: Overview of European Language Policies and Digital Initiatives

Part 1: Theoretical Questions

- 1. What are the main goals of the European language policy?
- 2. How does the European Union promote multilingualism among its member states?
- 3. What are the key documents and frameworks that guide language policies in the EU (e.g., CEFR, Barcelona Principles)?
- 4. How does language policy contribute to social inclusion and mobility in the EU?
- 5. What role does digital transformation play in language education and preservation?
- 6. What is the purpose of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages?
- 7. How do digital initiatives like the European Digital Language Diversity Initiative (DLDP) support linguistic diversity?
- 8. How does AI influence language learning and translation in the EU?
- 9. What is the role of the European Language Grid (ELG) in promoting digital language resources?
- 10. What are the challenges of implementing digital tools for language education in multilingual contexts?

Part 2: Practical Questions

- 1. **Case Study Analysis**: Analyze how a specific EU country has implemented multilingualism policies. What are the successes and challenges?
- 2. **Comparative Task**: Compare the CEFR framework with another language proficiency assessment system (e.g., ACTFL, IELTS). Identify similarities and differences.
- 3. **Policy Review**: Choose a digital language initiative (e.g., eTranslation, ELRC) and explain how it supports multilingualism.
- 4. **Data Interpretation**: Analyze statistics on language use in the EU. What trends can be observed? How do they impact policy decisions?
- 5. **Critical Thinking**: Debate the pros and cons of mandatory bilingual education in EU schools.
- 6. **Digital Tools Exploration**: Explore a European digital language learning platform (e.g., Lingua Libre, Duolingo for Schools). Write a short review based on user experience.
- 7. **AI and Multilingualism**: Research an AI-powered translation tool (e.g., DeepL, Google Translate). Test it with a complex text and assess its accuracy.
- 8. **Interactive Task**: Create a short video (2–3 minutes) explaining how digital tools enhance language learning in the EU.
- 9. **Legislation Interpretation**: Read an excerpt from an EU directive on language policy and summarize its key points in your own words.
- 10. **Future Perspectives**: Propose a new digital initiative that could enhance language diversity in the EU. What problem does it solve? How would it work?

