

Module 1 European Studies through Digital European Languages Policies

Practical workshop No. 2

Topic 2: The Role of Multilingualism in EU Integration

Part 1: Theoretical Questions

1. How does multilingualism contribute to the cultural and social cohesion of the European Union?
2. What are the official languages of the EU, and how is linguistic diversity managed within EU institutions?
3. What is the role of translation and interpretation services in the EU?
4. How does multilingualism support the principles of democracy and citizen participation in the EU?
5. What is the significance of linguistic rights in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights?
6. How does the Erasmus+ program promote multilingualism and intercultural understanding?
7. What is the impact of multilingualism on the EU labor market and economic growth?
8. How do EU policies address the linguistic integration of migrants and refugees?
9. What challenges does the EU face in ensuring equal linguistic representation across all member states?
10. How does language learning contribute to a stronger European identity?

Part 2: Practical Questions

1. **Case Study Analysis:** Choose an EU institution (e.g., the European Parliament, the European Commission) and describe how it manages multilingual communication.
2. **Comparative Task:** Compare language policies in two EU countries regarding education and official language use.
3. **Policy Review:** Analyze the EU's strategy for promoting multilingualism in education. How effective is it?
4. **Data Interpretation:** Examine Eurostat data on language proficiency in EU countries. What patterns emerge?
5. **Critical Thinking:** Discuss the potential consequences of reducing the number of official EU languages.
6. **Practical Debate:** Should English remain the primary working language of the EU after Brexit? Justify your answer.
7. **Linguistic Rights Analysis:** Analyze a real-life case where language rights were debated or contested within the EU.
8. **Digital Tools Exploration:** Test an online multilingual communication platform (e.g., Interactio, EU Voice). How does it facilitate cross-linguistic dialogue?
9. **Interactive Task:** Record a short speech (2–3 minutes) in two different EU languages explaining why multilingualism is crucial for EU integration.
10. **Future Perspectives:** Propose a policy change that could improve multilingual communication in the EU. How would it be implemented?

