

Introduction to Seminar

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Seminar 1 – Languages and Social Cohesion
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Overview of Project

Initial scoping of the key issues

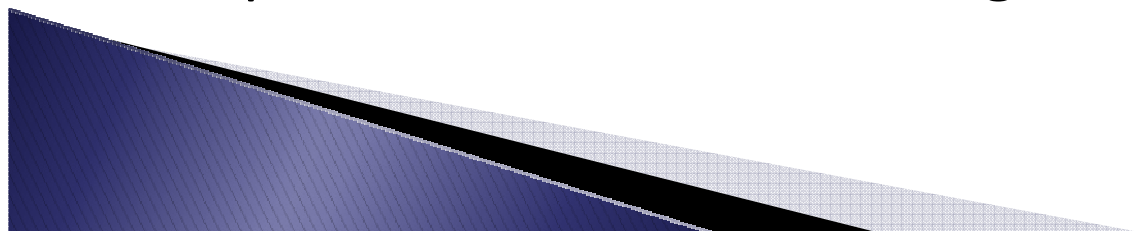
Two seminars to establish key questions and an outline for further discussion.

An international conference - UNLOCKING THE GATES OF LANGUAGES

An on line consultation.

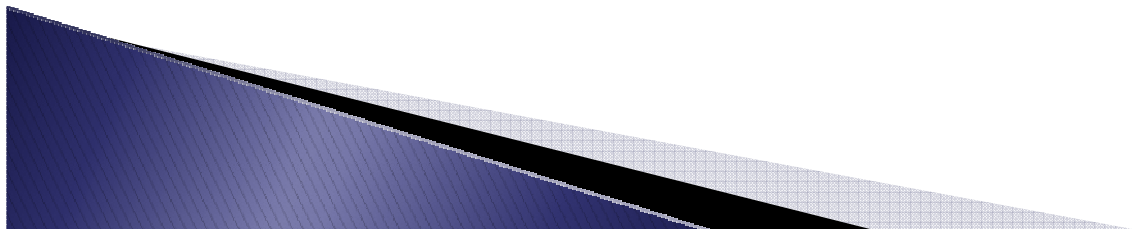
Dissemination in member states and through transnational networks

Proposals for sustained dialogue



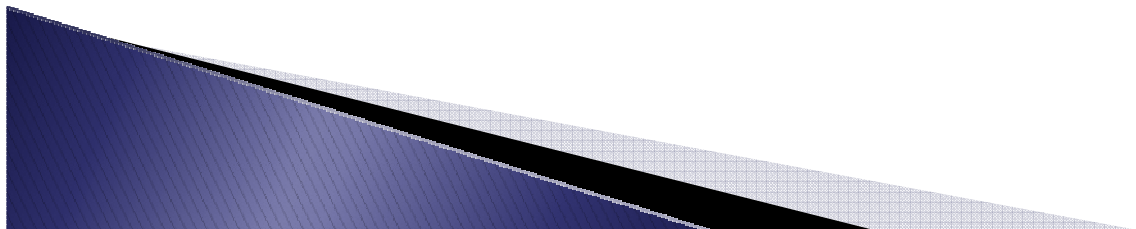
Key questions

- ▶ How do languages... impact on Individual Identity?
- ▶ Effect of multilingualism on communities and community cohesion?
- ▶ New concepts of citizenship and social identity?
- ▶ Multilingualism as an intellectual and cultural resource?
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Key questions

- ▶ Multilingualism for the elite and a multilingualism of the “excluded”
- ▶ Potentially excluded monolingual class? Why does this matter?
- ▶ Are all languages equal – in practice and policy terms as well as in theory?
- ▶ Support for language maintenance among minorities?



Key Objectives

To have an open discussion

To find some more questions

To spend a pleasant day

To keep warm and make it home

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