**Let’s Become Plurilingual!**

Every day a new quotation translated into many languages. See www.verba-volant.net

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"Do you recognise languages? Make a guess!"

1. Razumam je zaključek da je učenje jezika 'teško' u obziram razmjerno prema snazi motivacije za njihovo učenje.
2. En fortuitou konkluzio an e spro e svere i omendit propagation of dem motivation vi ha for al teire dem
3. On peruesta pääelle, että kielen ’valkea’ on käälteesei verrannollinen niiden oppimismotivaatioon
4. On peut raisonnablement dire que les langues sont difficiles en mesure inverse proportionnelle à la force des motifs qui pouvaient les apprendre
5. Die logische Schlussfolgerung, dass Sprachen ’schwierig’ sind, entsteht aus dem inversen Verhältnisses der Motivation, die zu lernen
6. Ščerčer kôvetjeztes az, miszint a nyelv
7. É magas a gondolatosság, hogy a nyelv
8. Rationaller inferer possimus linguas, quo minor sit vis motivatio
9. Można rozsądnie podsumować, że języki są ‘trudne’ w stosunku odwrotnie proporcjonalnym do siły motywacji do uczenia się ich

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26 September-European Day of Languages

is intended to raise public awareness of the need to protect and promote linguistic heritage. It is also aimed at achieving public recognition of the fact that each language has unique value, and that all languages are equally valid as modes of expression for those who use them.

Adrian Butler, Executive Director of the European Centre for Modern Languages of the Council of Europe writes:

Our continent as a whole is plurilingual, but the great majority of European countries also operate routinely with several languages. These vary in size and status from national languages to regional or minority languages, not forgetting the many languages of the immigrant communities who have settled in our society.

Therefore it is of capital importance to encourage plurilingualism - citizens with a degree of communicative ability in a number of languages.

This ability to communicate in other languages is important at many levels:

- if facilitates mobility, exchange and commerce between our countries and so is a positive factor in economic development;
- it stimulates understanding and interaction with citizens of other countries and cultures;
- it means a way to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of our continent, which should be shared and maintained for the benefit of future generations;
- it is an objective of social policy, encouraging a sense of inclusion and shared democratic citizenship among all sectors of the community.

Council of Europe Secretary General Walter Schwimmer encapsulated the Organisation’s views on the occasion of the European Day of Languages (26 September) last year, when he said:

"The Council of Europe would like to reiterate its message that language learning is an excellent way to spread tolerance and mutual understanding among peoples. Linguistic diversity is a reality and is one of Europe’s strengths. It is a part of our cultural heritage and our identity."

Language is the armory of the human mind, and at once contains the trophies of its past and the weapons of its future conquests.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

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**Learning new languages takes time and effort. But everybody can do it, and it’s well worth it.**

Resources:

How you can learn languages, www.eurolang2001.org,
Letter by Adrian Butler, Executive Director, European Centre for Modern Languages of the Council of Europe, Graz, Austria

Prepared by the Information Office of the Council of Europe in Bratislava www.coe.sk

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"I don’t know where to start?" /Read on for some good advice!

Practical tips:

- Speak as much as you can talk to your friends, to foreigners you meet, even to yourself!
- If you go to a country where the language you are learning is spoken, but people speak to you in your language, or English, explain that you would prefer to speak their language.
- Memorise the things you need to say most often — when meeting people, shopping, buying things etc.
- Most people never achieve a perfect accent in another language. That does not matter as long as people understand!

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"Reading and listening a lot is very important. The more you listen, the better you’ll speak. Reading will help you to write better.
- Read and listen to texts where the language is used naturally (newspaper, TV, radio).
- Remember you don’t have to understand every word to get the gist.
- Don’t be afraid of making mistakes. You can work gradually on reducing them. What matters most is getting your meaning across.

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