



INVITATION

Panel discussion

"How to improve language education (not only) in the EU? Challenges, problems, solutions"

University of Economics in Bratislava, 31st May 2018

Program

This special program during the event *Polyglot Gathering* will give the floor to several special speakers – which will portray their opinions, ideas and projects of good practice and to all of you as well. We look forward to hearing what you have to share regarding the topic of this panel. First, 5 speakers will have 5-10 minutes each, to talk about their proposals. Afterwards, we'll get to discussing the topic all together and see if we can find plausible ways of solving this puzzle.

The side plan of this discussion is to create a „polyglot manifest“ of sorts, laying the groundwork for fundamental issues, recommendations and solutions in regards to the improving of language education.

Speakers

Bengt-Arne Wickström - Moderator; former professor of Public Sector Economics at Humboldt University in Berlin, from 1992 until his retirement in 2013, at present a professor at Andrassy University in Budapest.

Emília Andrejová - Field Officer at the Commission's Representation in Bratislava, responsible for translation, communication and organisation of language-related events.

Mireille Grosjean - Chairwoman of ILEI (International League of Esperanto Teachers); polyglot.

Radoslav Štefančík - Dean of the Faculty of Applied Languages of the University of Economics in Bratislava.

Dr Seán Ó Riain - Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Ireland to the International Organisations; President of European Esperanto Union; polyglot.

Richard Simcott - Founder of The Polyglot Conference and Goethe Institute's Ambassador for Multilingualism; hyperpolyglot.

Timetable

08:30 – 09:55	Registration of guests
10:00 – 10:05	Welcoming Remarks by moderator Prof. Bengt-Arne Wickström
10:05 – 10:55	Opening speeches
10:55 – 11:25	Discussion on the theme with public
11:25 – 11:50	Introduction of a draft of „Bratislava Polyglots' Declaration 2018“ and discussion on the theme

Place

Conference room B1.03 (Assimil room), University of Economics in Bratislava, Dolnozemska cesta 1, Bratislava

Working language is English





Before the official start of the panel discussion

Emília Andrejová, Field Officer at the European Commission's Representation in Bratislava responsible for translation, communication and organisation of language-related events will make a presentation on the theme **“Current challenges for multilingualism policy in the EU”**.

What are the most challenging developments in the EU concerning the multilingualism policy? Will Brexit influence the number of official languages used in the EU? Will there be any changes in the procedural languages? What are the rules and who can have a say in this situation?

9:00 to 9:45, Conference room B1.03 (Assimil room).

I would be extremely grateful if you could R.S.V.P by no later than Wednesday the 30th of May to peter.balaz@polyglotbratislava.com or +421 902 203369,

I hope you are able to accept this invitation and look forward to hearing from you.

