



Partnership for Diversity (Pfd)

The challenging relationship between transmission of cultures and transmission of languages

30-31 October 2009

Venue: Ljouwert/Leeuwarden, The Netherlands

Provisional programme

Thursday 29 October

- 16.00 Meeting of the Board of Directors of EBLUL
- 18.00 Early registration and informal get-together with buffet

Friday 30 October

- 08.40 – 09.00 Registration & coffee.
- 09.00 – 09.20 Welcome & addresses: Mercator / EBLUL / CoE / AES / CoR.
- 09.20 – 09.50 Opening speech of the Deputy of the Province of Fryslân mrs. Jannewietske de Vries (TBC).

(a) The role and responsibility of regional and local authorities towards the protection and promotion of RMLs and cultures.

09.50 – 10.30 Key note speaker 1 – related to theme (a) including 10 min discussion.

(b) The function of legislation: cultural and linguistic rights for the preservation and promotion of RMLs and cultures.

10.30 – 11.10 Key note speaker 2 – related to theme (b) including 10 min discussion.

11.10 – 11.30 Photo session & coffee/tea.

11.30 – 13.00 Workshop 1 (several parallel groups) related to themes (a) and (b), e.g.:

<p>The interrelationship between various domains or work packages on regional and local level with regard to the RMLs: health service, cultural affairs, education, and public administration.</p>	<p>The trilingual school model which is developed in Fryslân in the years 1997-2005. The model will be developed and elaborated in the next years (aiming at 50 trilingual primary schools by the year 2012 – that is 10% of all primary schools in Fryslân). The model used in Fryslân and the results of 1997-2005 will be presented.</p>	<p>Cultural and linguistic rights as a basket for the individual citizen but also as the stimulus for regional authorities to enhance the flourishing of the regional and minority cultures and languages.</p>
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13.00 – 14.00 Lunch.

(c) New trends in formal and informal transmission of cultures and languages (including presentation of the new pavilion for new language experiences such as in Fryslân (“Lân fan taal”) as well as in Barcelona (“Linguamón”) and others.

14.00 – 14.40 Key note speaker 3 – related to theme (c) including 10 min discussion.

14.45 – 16.15 Workshop 2 (several parallel groups) related to theme (c).

16.30 – 18.00 Menu of visits to the various RML + cultural organisations in Ljouwert, e.g.: Tresoar, Fryske Akademy, Afûk, Omrop Fryslân, Parnas, Pop music academy.

18.00 Reception at the Town Hall of Ljouwert/Leeuwarden

20.00 Dinner

Saturday 31 October

9.30 – 10.00 Coffee

Parallel:

10.00 – 12.00 General Assembly EBLUL

10.00 – 12.00 Workshop 3 (several parallel groups) related to the themes of the conference, also open for “locals”: interested people from Frisian and Dutch organisations.

12.00 – 17.00 Lunch (resp. lunch package).

Exploratory expedition: Frisian culture and landscape:

- presentation of projects by Frisian trilingual schools which have adopted a specific region/language which is represented at the song contest Liet International.
- dwelling mounds, dikes, poems and music.

18.00 Dinner

20.00 – 23.00 Liet International, Theatre De Harmonie, Ljouwert/Leeuwarden (<http://www.liet.nl/>).

