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Member States are responsible for the content of teaching and the organisation of education systems as well as their cultural and linguistic diversity[1]. Quality and inclusive education is a priority of the European Education Area (EEA)[2]. The EEA strategic framework working groups[3] have enabled mutual learning on practices addressing different forms of discrimination including racism and territorial inequalities.

Since the Minority SafePack Initiative[4], a wide range of other EU measures have contributed to the goals of the initiative. Erasmus+[5] has been funding numerous projects on the protection and promotion of regional and minority languages. In 2024, the Commission published a brochure with examples of inspiring projects[6]. The Erasmus+ online language support[7] for participants and beneficiaries includes resources in Basque, Catalan and Galician. Creative Europe[8] and Horizon Europe[9] also support linguistic diversity[10]. The Commission cooperates with the European Centre for Modern Languages of the Council of Europe on such matters. A colloquium on strengthening support for regional and minority languages was organised in 2023[11]. A repository of best practices is currently under preparation.

[1] Article 165 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.
[2] Council Resolution of 26 February 2021 on a strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training towards the European Education Area and beyond (2021-2030) (2021/C66/01): https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=CELEX:32021G0226(01)
[3] https://education.ec.europa.eu/about-eea/working-groups
[4] http://minority-safepack.eu/
[5] https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/
[6] 'Linguistic diversity in the European Union. Examples of projects supporting regional and minority languages: compilation of projects co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme and Creative Europe': https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/d325c589-011a-11ef-a251-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF/source-316533029
[7] https://academy.europa.eu/local/euacademy/pages/course/community-overview.php?title=learn-language-basics-with-online-language-support
[8] https://culture.ec.europa.eu/creative-europe
[9] https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe_en
[10] Project on safeguarding endangered languages in Europe is ongoing: 'RISE UP – Revitalising languages and safeguarding cultural diversity', https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101095048
[11] https://www.ecml.at/ECML-Programme/ECML-ECCooperation/Colloquium2023/tabid/5664/Default.aspx