



EUROPEAN LANGUAGE EQUALITY NETWORK

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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## AGENDA • FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>



**VENUE: ITSASMUSEUM, 14:25-17:30**

*\*Interpretation in Basque and English*



### RESEARCH AND ACTIVISM

14:25	<b>Recent research on the Basque language</b>
	Welcome words from Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones, ELEN President; Davyth Hicks, ELEN Secretary-General; and Idurre Eskisabel, Kontseilua Secretary-General.
14:30	<b>New keys for the interpretation of demolinguistic data</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Iñaki Iurrebaso (UEMA)</li><li>• Moderator: Idurre Eskisabel</li></ul>
15:15	<b>Language use and gender</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lorea Agirre (Jakín)</li><li>• Dani Amarelo (USC Researcher)</li><li>• Moderator: Idurre Eskisabel</li></ul>
16:00	<b>Digitalization and minoritized languages</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aitzol Astigarraga (Elhuyar-ORAI Project Coordinator)</li><li>• Moderator: Idurre Eskisabel</li></ul>

### PROJECT PRESENTATION

16:45	<b>Plurilingmedia – the new COST ACTION PROJECT on language diversity in European media</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Craig Willis (ECMI)</li><li>• Moderator: Elin Jones</li></ul>
17:05	<b>Roundtable discussion: differing approaches to language activism.</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conchúr Ó Giollagáin (UHI)</li><li>• Elena Jimenez (Omnium Cultural)</li><li>• Ciarán Mac Giolla Bhéin (Glór na Móna)</li><li>• Moderator: Elin Jones</li></ul>
17:30	<b>Closure of Friday session.</b>



## AGENDA • SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>



VENUE: ITSASMUSEUM, 09:00-13:30

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### ACCREDITATION OPENS (08:45)

### OFFICIAL OPENING AND WELCOME

09:05

#### Opening short speeches

- Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones, ELEN President
- Davyth Hicks, ELEN Secretary-General
- Idurre Eskisabel, Kontseilua Secretary-General
- Eider Inunciaga, Bilbao Council
- Leixuri Arrizabalaga, Bizkaia Provincial Council
- Ibone Bengoetxea, Basque Government Vice-President and Spokesperson

### PANEL I: THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC POLICIES IN THE NORMALIZATION OF MINORITY LANGUAGES

09:30

#### First Panel: The Basque Reality

- Paul Bilbao, former Secretary-General of Kontseilua and former ELEN Vice-President.

#### Second Panel: Other national and European perspectives

- Mirjam Vellinga, Afûk/ ELEN Vice-President, Fryslan.
- Marcos Maceira, A Mesa pola Normalización Lingüística, Galicia.
- Vesna Crnić-Grotić, Council of Europe ECRML Committee of Experts, Croatia.
- Moderator: Davyth Hicks / Elin Jones

### PLENARY SPEECH

10:20

#### The successful revitalization of Basque in Tolosa

- Kike Amonarriz: *Recent research indicates that Basque is successfully recovering in Tolosa and the surrounding areas. kike will discuss the Basque language recovery effort in the Tolosa area and look at how and why there has been this success.*
- Moderator: Manex Mantxola

### GROUP PHOTO (10:50)

### 11:00 COFFEE (+ PRESS CONFERENCE )

**PANEL II: ARNASGUNEAK (LANGUAGE BREATHING SPACES) / HIGH DENSITY AREAS: FOCUS ON THE BASQUE COUNTRY AN WALES**

**11:30**

- Miren Segurola (UEMA coordinator): Arnasguneak (language breathing spaces) from a broader perspective.
- Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones and Richard Glyn Roberts: *Empowering Communities, Strengthening the Welsh Language: The Commission for Welsh-Speaking Communities and BRO: A Comprehensive Sociolinguistic Survey of Contemporary Welsh-speaking Communities.*
- Moderator: Francesc Xavier Vila (Govt. of Catalonia). Tbc

**12: 20 ELEN BUSINESS (ELEN MEMBERS ONLY)**