





## What's your opinion?

Multilingualism in the classroom is very helpful, a treasure and always an enrichment.

Multilingualism **in the classroom** is useless, an obstacle and makes everything very complicated.









# Getting to know each other: Plurilingual repertoires

Please create a poster with the title "My Languages and Me":

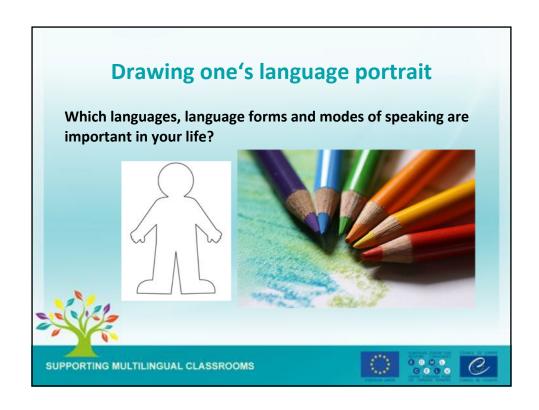


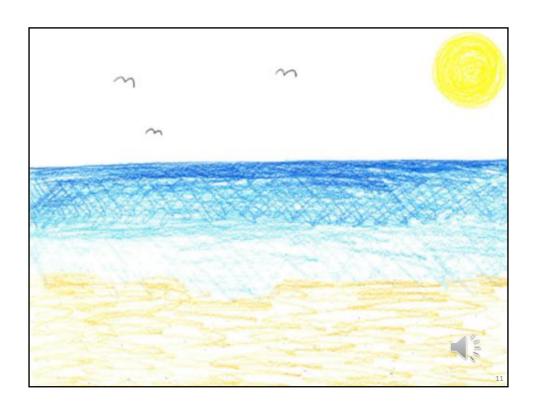
- Think of languages and dialects that you speak or any languages that are important for you for some specific reason
- Visualise your repertoire imagining that the different languages/dialects were located in different parts of your body or in a landscape. Where would you place them and why? What colours would you chose and why?
- Please explain this by writing a legend.















## The power of languages

- 1. Language(s) enable(s) children to get access to education and in turn education gives access to language(s).
- 2. But language(s) can also reinforce social hierarchies and enable discrimination against minorities, e.g. when the political power privileges the dominant national language or those of specific ethnic groups.

Human rights to education are violated when the child has no right to maintain his or her mother tongue and to develop it further in school.

#### Raising awareness for languages:

- stimulates the reflection on attitudes in social and multicultural contexts,
- increases the development of adequate pedagogical strategies for more social cohesion.

The close interweaving between languages and cultures should be emphasized in intercultural education.

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### Working with biographies and narratives

**Development of linguistic and intercultural awareness** through biographical and narrative approach

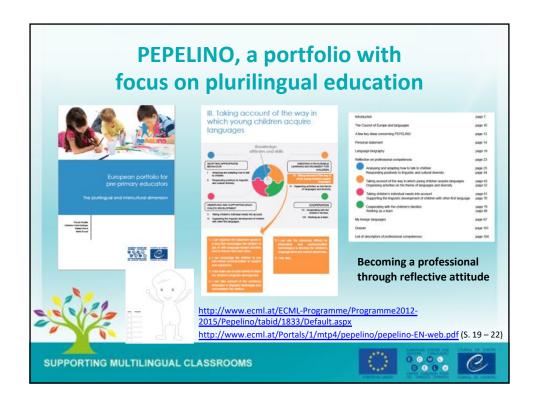
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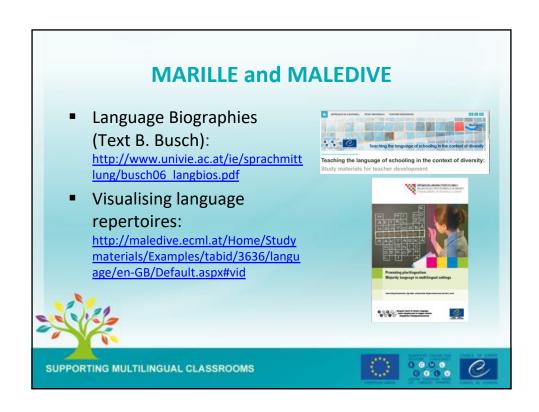
- Auto-/biographical and narrative approach: characterized by a self-
- reflective, person-centered and dialogical way of working Reflection on one's own and others' attitudes: while dealing with biographies (student) teachers get/increase awareness of cultural and linguistic diversity
- **Introspective reflection concerning identities**: (student) teachers investigate the roots of their behaviour and attitudes towards "otherness"
  - Professionalisation in the field of intercultural education requires:
    - Affective and personal commitment: holistic approach (attitudes)
    - Change of perspective: a core competence
    - Reasoning and critical thinking: a pedagogical tool
    - Creativity for problem solving: prevention of interpersonal conflicts











# Reflective dimension of language biographical work

#### Various topics can be reflected: please add your examples!

- Emotions related to languages and cultures: affective and cultural dimension of language(s)
- Values and variations in language(s) use
- Identity formation
- Personal linguistic repertoire
- Analysis of interaction and communication in different linguistic contexts (= process)
- Metalinguistical reflection and language learning strategies
- Role of language(s) in education: teacher's language



Goal: to work on your own positive attitudes to plurilingualism

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# Visible and invisible dimensions of multi-/plurilingualism

#### Please come together in groups of 4 and discuss:

- Think about your own pupils: Which languages do they speak at school? at home?
- Who of them has a "visible" multi-/plurilingualism? Are there children with an "invisible" multi-/plurilingualism?
- What's the role of the institution in this regard?
  - Please talk about possible strategies at institutional level and prepare three main ideas for the discussion in the plenary.



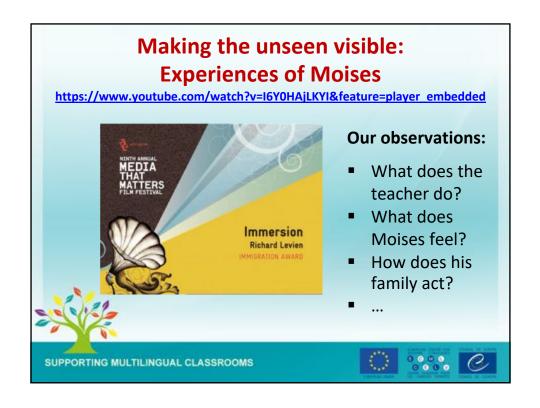












## How can learner's resources be taken into account in the classroom?

Please come together in small groups.

- Reflection about the film:
  - 1. What do you know about Moises?
  - 2. How does Moises try to participate in the lesson?
  - 3. What could the teacher do to assess his knowledge and skills during this lesson?
  - 4. What would you do to help Moises in the classroom?
    What happens or might happen in your school?
- Please create a list with recommendations.

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## How can learner's resources be taken into account in the classroom?

Please discuss together and create a poster:

- Make a list with 2 or 3 key principles focusing on multilingual education
  - o think of how to reach your goals (next steps?)
  - o which resources do you already have in your school?
  - O Which kind of challenges do you think you would have to face?
  - O What concrete steps will you take next week? For the classroom, with your colleagues?
  - Summarize the result of your discussion and don't forget to write the name of your school.

Please pin your list at one of the windows.







### Thinking about our students

What do you guess? Which percentage of the pupils in your professional context ...

- I. speaks the language of schooling as a first language?
- 2. speaks another official language as a first language?
- 3. is bilingual and with which languages?
- 4. has a second language and which one?
- 5. is plurilingual and with which languages?
- 6. speaks at home another language which is not an official language in Spain?
- 7. is migrant or asylum seaker / refugee?

Please choose a form to visualise your guesses!

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# Linguistic and cultural diversity is normal!

- With our languages we associate emotions, experiences, memories and people.
- Our languages are linked closely to our (language) biography and our identity.
- In many cases we have a "Herzenssprache"; often this is our first language.
- The languages of the learners have to be taken into account:

"If we ignore the languages of the learners, we ignore the kids themselves." (Jim Cummins)







## International networks for migration and education



#### Some examples:

- SIRIUS: European Policy Network on the education of children and young people with a migrant background http://www.sirius-migrationeducation.org
- RUTU Foundation (NL):
   Translanguaging: Focus on role of mother tongue education <a href="http://www.rutufoundation.org/translanguaging-multilingual-classrooms/">http://www.rutufoundation.org/translanguaging-multilingual-classrooms/</a>
- Translanguaging: Practice
   Briefs for Educators
   Joanna Yip & Ofelia García,
  - Ph.D
    The Graduate Center, City
    University of New York
    http://traue.commons.gc.cuny.edu
    /volume-iv-issue-1-fall2015/translanguaging-practice-
  - Cities of Migration
    Conference 2016, Toronto
    <a href="http://citiesofmigration.ca/2016conference/">http://citiesofmigration.ca/2016conference/</a>

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### Implementing translanguaging

Translanguaging is....

"... the deployment of a speaker's full linguistic repertoire without regard for watchful adherence to the socially and politically defined boundaries of named (and usually national and state) languages". (Ofelia Garcia)

#### Share with you colleagues:

- Which role do schools in Spain give to first languages other than the language of schooling?
- Do you know / did you participate in school projects taking into account the mother tongue of migrant children?
  - Do you think translanguaging could be implemented/is already implemented in Spanish schools?







## You want to know more about translanguaging?

#### To go further:

- Translanguaging: Practice Briefs for Educators
   Joanna Yip & Ofelia García, Ph.D., The Graduate Center, City
   University of New York
  - http://traue.commons.gc.cuny.edu/volume-iv-issue-1-fall-2015/translanguaging-practice-briefs-for-educators/
- Look at the video (Ofelia Garcia: about 12 minutes)
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z AnGU8jy4o

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## **Identity Texts**

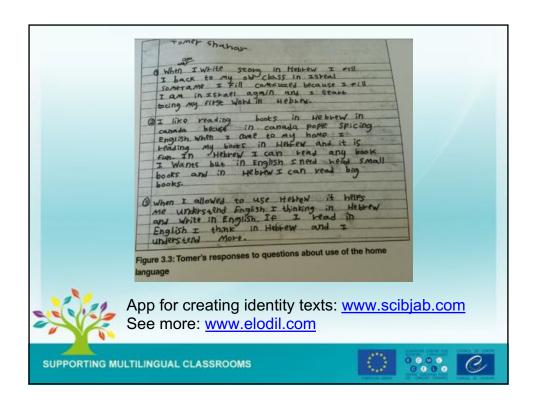


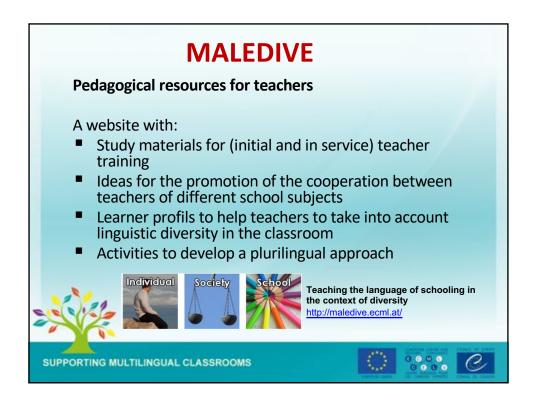
(Cummins, 2006; Cummins & Early, 2010) ...are "the products of students' creative work or performances carried out within [the pedagogical space of the classroom]... insofar as students invest their identities in these texts (written, spoken, visual, musical, dramatic or combinations in multimodal form) that then hold a mirror up to students in which their identities are reflected back in a positive light. When students share identity text with multiple audiences... they are likely to receive positive feedback and affirmation of self in interaction with these audiences... (p. 60)"

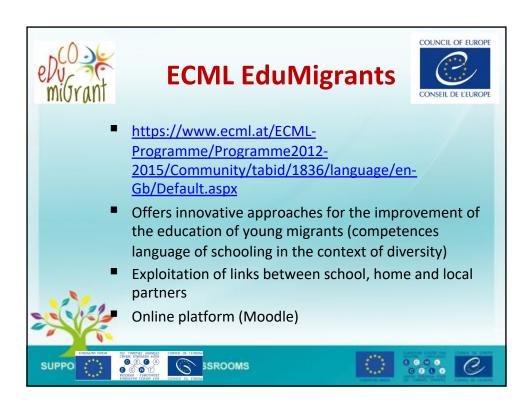


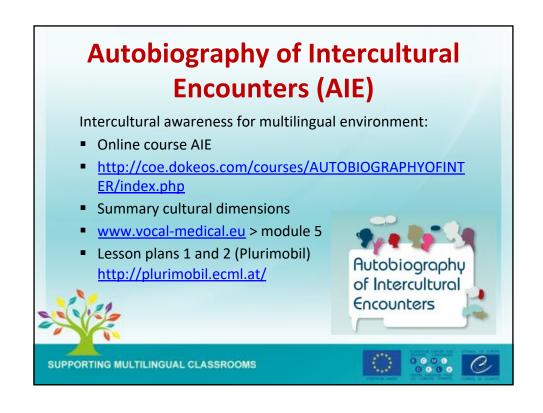












## CARAP / FREPA



- Development of a Framework of Reference for Pluralistic Approaches in the context of an ECML project based on the ALC project ("Across Languages and Cultures")
- 3 fields of competences and resources: knowledge, skills and attitudes
- Four pluralistic approaches:
  - Intercultural learning
  - o Integrated foreign language didactics (L2, L3, multilingual didactics as a whole)
  - Awakening to languages
  - Intercomprehension between related languages

Read more: http://carap.ecml.at/Accueil/tabid/3577/language/en-GB/Default.aspx

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### CARAP in education



- Linguistic and cultural competences...enable the individual to develop an enriched, more complex personality and enhanced capacity for further language learning and greater openess to new cultural experiences." (CEFR, p. 43)
- **CEFR** as a general tool for foreign langage education
- CARAP as a specific tool for pluricultural education and for the promotion of intercultural awareness in language education: curricula, materials, teaching activities, assessment

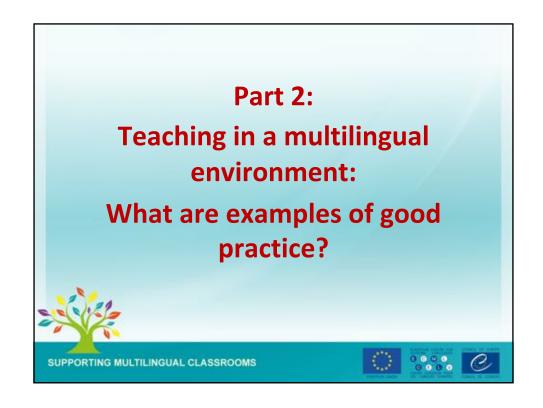
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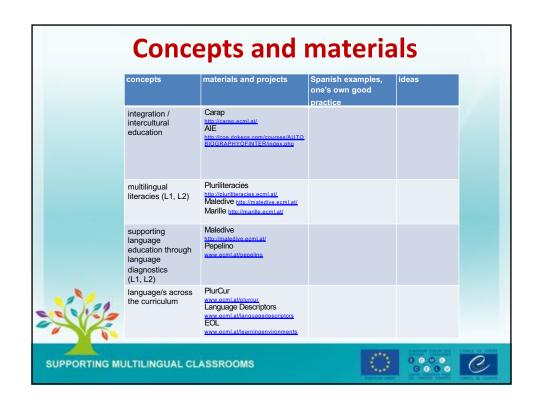




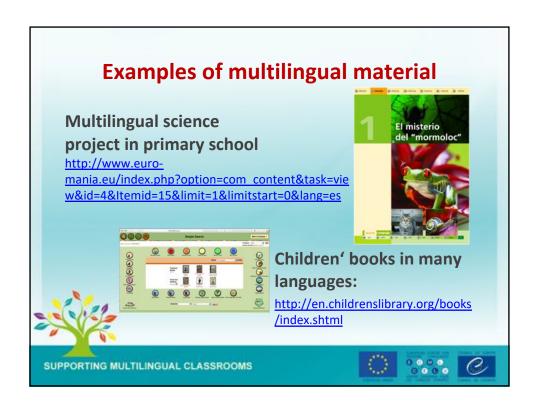
















## **Language portraits** and grammar comparisons

- Have a look at the video! (MARILLE, ECML) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C874sN1 1WA (English) or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= ZIBiAoMTBo (French)
- What approach is being used? Please describe it.
- How does the teacher make use of information about the languages of his learners? What's the role of the learners?
- Have you tried out using the languages of the learners for grammar comparisons before?
- How could you use such an approach in your context?

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## Language portraits









Publications for the Austrian, German and Swiss context with informations about the most common migration languages, taking into account:

- informations about countries, school systems, history
- characteristic of the language, grammar (e.g. word classes)
- "typical" difficulties of learners
- grapheme and phoneme system







## Linguistic portraits and grammar comparisons

- Do you know similar publications or materials for the Spanish context?
- Why is it important for (language) teachers to have such informations?
- Have you had any situation in which you needed further information about the languages of your learners? Why? Where did you get it from?

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## **Differences between languages**

There are linguistic universals ...

... nevertheless between languages do exist!

many differences



Stressed syllabs in words, opened/closed syllabs, combinations of sounds

Morphological differences:

Sort of casus assignment (languages with/without articles), verb flection (suffixes), genus, plural)

**Semantical differences:** 

Lexicalization of linguistic concepts (translation of one word in different context...)

Syntactical differences:

Position of words in sentences, unavailability of certain word categories

**Pragmatical differences:** 

Directnesss, indirectness, expression of courtesy /behaviour















## **Story bags**

Pupils (4-8 years old) can bring a story bag home:

- A bilingual book
- A CD with the story read in several languages
- A game
- A surprise
- A glossary of the story's key-words, to be translated into the family's language

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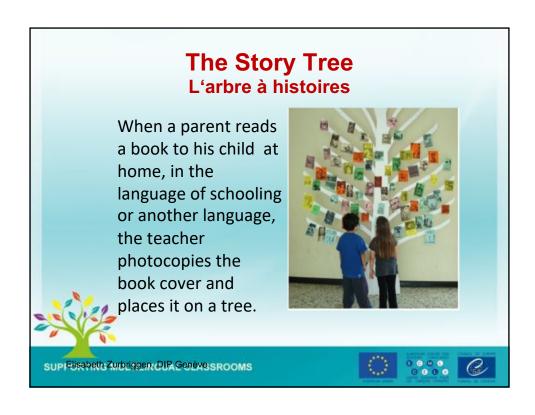
## Story bags

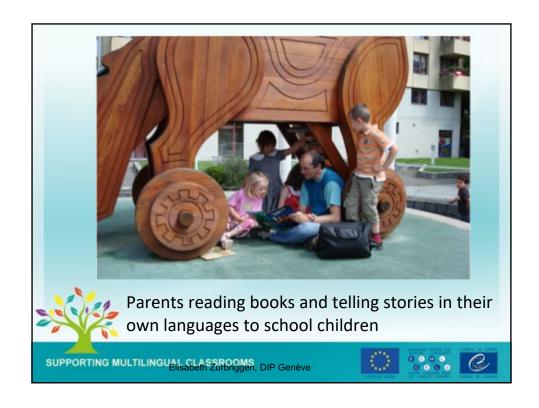
- Strengthen the links between the school and families - when the child is learning to read
- Value all the languages spoken by the pupils
- Develop their curiosity
- Develop connections between the language of schooling and other languages

















## Adapting some activities for the own school

- Come together in groups and share your impressions, thoughts and ideas.
- Guidelines for your discussion :
  - Which approaches/projects are relevant for your school context?
  - o How could you adapt them?
  - o Any concrete ideas for a first/next step?











# About multilingual education: Is it true that...

- 1. Only Spanish language should be allowed at school, so that plurilingual children better learn the language of instruction?
- 2. Parents with a migrant background should read and speak Spanish at home with their children?
- 3. Children with a L1 other than Spanish should have the chance to develop further their own language/s?
- 4. Children with a language other than Spanish are disadvantaged in the classroom of the language of schooling?
- 5. Multilingualism in the classroom is an opportunity for all children?
- 6. Children should have the same linguistic level to study together?
- 7. Mixing languages leads to a lack of linguistic competence?

Compare your perspective with the statements of Grosjean:

http://maledive.ecml.at/Studymaterials/Society/Dealingwithfactsmyths/tabi

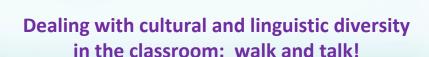
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#### Speaking about myths in multilingual education

You may be familiar with situations in which you have to react on such statements:

- Form groups of 3 or 4 people.
- Choose together one or two of these statements and prepare a short role play (no longer than 1-2 min).
- Present one typical situation in the plenary.









## Reflection on the role play



#### Exchange in small groups and plenary discussion:

- Please analyse the different positions, ideas, judgments and prejudices played in the sketches:
- Are these situations/conversations common in the majority of the Spanish schools?
  - Wich competencies do teachers need to be able to deal with these "myths"?
  - Which impact do they have on relationship (parents, pupils, colleagues, ...)

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## **Convention on the Rights of the Child**

■ FACT SHEET: A summary of the rights under the Convention on the Rights of the Child

https://www.unicef.org/crc/files/Rights overview.pdf

Children's rights in Spanish schools: Do you know strategies for preventing conflicts and discrimination?







Article 29 (Goals of education): Children's education should develop each child's personality, talents and abilities to the fullest. It should encourage children to respect others, human rights and their own and other cultures. It should also help them learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people. Children have a particular responsibility to respect the rights their parents, and education should aim to develop respect for the values and culture of their parents. The Convention does not address such issues as school uniforms, dress codes, the singing of the national anthem or prayer in schools. It is up to governments and school officials in each country to determine whether, in the context of their society and existing laws, such matters infringe upon other rights protected by the Convention.

Article 2 (Non-discrimination): The Convention applies to all children, whatever their race, religion or abilities; whatever they think or say, whatever type of family they come from. It doesn't matter where children live, what language they speak, what their parents do, whether they are boys or girls, what their culture is, whether they have a disability or whether they are rich or poor. No child should be treated unfairly on any basis.

Article 30 (Children of minorities/indigenous groups):

Minority or indigenous children have the right to learn about and practice their own culture, language and religion. The right to practice one's own culture, language and religion applies to everyone; the Convention here highlights this right in instances where the practices are not shared by the majority of people in the country.

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