

3. Minority languages and languages of wider communication in Europe

Languages in the world

There are between 4000 and 6000 languages in the world and approximately 200 independent countries. Therefore, most countries are bilingual or multilingual

Official languages EU

Bulgarian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Irish, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovene, Spanish and Swedish

http://europa.eu/abc/european_countries/languages/index_en.htm

European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages

http://www.coe.int/T/E/Legal_Affairs/Local_and_regional_Democracy/Regional_or_Minority_languages

Minority language factsheets

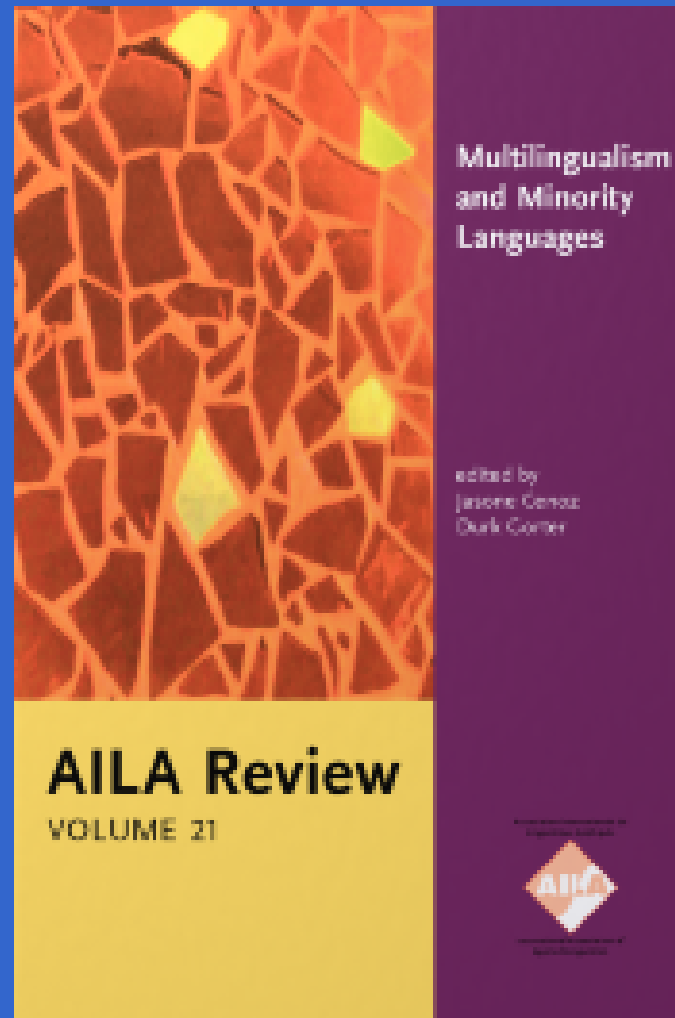
<http://www.mercator-research.eu/minority-languages/Language-Factsheets>

Regional Dossiers

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http://www.benjamins.com/cgi-bin/t_bookview.cgi?bookid=AILA%2021

The future of English

English Next by David Graddol

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-research-englishnext.htm>