

R6 A7: United in Diversity: Safeguarding Europe's Linguistic Heritage

Proposers

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Motion text

Insert from line 29 to 30:

apparent “uselessness” of regional languages for the market and the capital reinforces the trend towards their disappearance.

Alongside minoritised languages, dialects must also be recognised as vital forms of cultural expression and identity. Too often, the label 'dialect' has been used to delegitimise certain languages, denying them institutional support and cultural recognition. In the formation of nation states, many dialects were actively repressed to construct a unified national identity — including through policies that punished or shamed children for speaking in their dialects at school. This legacy of linguistic oppression continues to marginalise speakers and erode cultural diversity.

Reason

A focus on dialects was missing from this resolution. We found it still fits the scope, as too often certain languages are delegitimised by defining them as "dialects".