



**ELEN – European Language Equality Network**

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**Propositions and recommendations of EBLUL/ELEN France**  
**towards a real recognition of linguistic and cultural diversity**

- 1. PROMOTE BILINGUALISM IN PUBLIC LIFE, giving CO-OFFICIAL STATUS TO REGIONAL AND TERRITORIAL LANGUAGES alongside French in territories where such a desire is expressed by elected bodies or the population.**
- 2. RECOGNISE LINGUISTIC DISCRIMINATION IN EXISTING PENAL LAW against all forms of discrimination, as the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance has recently recommended (report of the ECRI on France, March 1<sup>st</sup>2016)**
- 3. PROVIDE PUBLIC FINANCING FOR IMMERSIVE SCHOOLS IN REGIONAL LANGUAGES in order to make free education available to all families and students, whatever their origin, who choose to follow an education in a regional language, thereby supporting bilingualism and the creation of native speakers.**
- 4. GENERALISE TEACHING REGIONAL LANGUAGES, culture, and history, as well as education about respect for cultural diversity.**
- 5. AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA: ESTABLISH PROGRAMMING OVER SEVERAL YEARS to progressively attain a volume of production and broadcasting in regional languages that represents a significant portion of the public audiovisual media budget: for example, 10% over 10 years.**

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