

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 26 September 2018, ASP 5F385

15.00-17.00, followed by a cocktail reception (ASP 3D Bar Forum)

Hosted by **MEP Michaela Šojdrová, MEP Silvia Costa, MEP Nils Torvalds, and MEP Svetoslav Malinov**

Seminar on Multilingualism: International standards for language ability

The seminar will consider how clear standards and mutual recognition of language qualifications can encourage and support the learning of a wider range of languages, and enhance the educational and professional opportunities across Europe and beyond.

Moderated by **Dr Nick Saville, Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE)**

15.00-15.10	<p>Welcome MEP Michaela Šojdrová <i>Co-host</i></p>
15.10-15.20	<p>Setting the scene Dr Nick Saville <i>Secretary-General, ALTE (Association of Language Testers in Europe)</i></p>
15.20-15.30	<p>The protection of language diversity as European problem MEP Svetoslav Hristov Malinov <i>Co-host</i></p>
15.30 -15.40	<p>Using Frameworks for International Recognition of Standards of Language Proficiency: CEFR and ALTE Mr Graham Seed <i>European Projects Manager, Cambridge Assessment English</i> <i>Secretariat Manager, ALTE</i></p>
15.40-15.50	<p>Opening up the choice – the European Commission’s new proposal for a Recommendation on language learning Ms Kristina Cunningham</p>

	<i>Senior Policy Officer, Unit Schools and Multilingualism, Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission</i>
15.50-16.00	Assessment of sign language Dr Krister Schönström <i>Senior Lecturer, Stockholm University</i>
16.00-16.10	Linguistic Integration of Migrants: from a European perspective to the Italian case Dr Lorenzo Rocca <i>Language Assessment Expert, Migration Contexts and “CELI” Qualifications, University of Perugia</i>
16.10-16.20	Swedish linguistic minority in Finland - a best case scenario MEP Nils Torvalds <i>Co-host</i>
16.20-16.50	Discussion and Q&A
16.50-17.00	Closing remarks MEP Silvia Costa <i>Co-host</i>
17.00-18.00	Cocktail reception