

The Finnish Network for Language Education Policies

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The **network** is an open forum for all who are interested in languages and language education. The network encourages discussion about language learning and teaching, the role of languages in society, language assessment, and languages in working life. Everyone is welcome to take part in this discussion as languages are an integral part of our everyday lives.

The network brings together actors in the field of language education policy, organizes events, promotes research and education in the field, and influences decision-making about language education in Finland. Since language education policy is not merely a national issue, the network also seeks international contacts and experiences.

The network is funded by the Ministry of Education and Culture, and it is coordinated by the Centre for Applied Language Studies, University of Jyväskylä.

Annual themes

The network's goals and mission are put into practice with the help of annual themes. This year the theme is multilingualism of the individual, education, and society. The earlier themes were multilingualism (2010), language and communication skills in working life (2011), teacher education (2012), minorities (2013), skills and competencies (2014), language education and economy (2015), and networks and cooperation (2016).

The Language Parliament

The network organizes a **Language Parliament**, convening yearly to bring together various interest groups in language education, and to provide visibility to the field. The network also organizes other events, such as seminars and workshops.

Internet portal

The network maintains a **web portal** with news and materials on language education, among other things. To stay updated on current issues and events, you can also join the network's **mailing list**.

Web journal

The network publishes a freely available web journal called **Kieli, koulutus ja yhteiskunta** (Language, Education and Society) on the portal. Teachers, researcher, and policy makers among others are invited to write short articles on preliminary research results and teaching experiments, interviews, policy columns etc. See www.kieliverkosto.fi/journal

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