

Motions

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| Motion number | 13 |
| Name of the person introducing the Motion to the GA | Oriol Cases |
| Member party | ESQUERRA REPUBLICANA DE CATALUNYA |
| Title (of the Motion) | OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF CATALAN IN THE EUROPEAN UNION |
| <p>Linguistic diversity is one of the European Union's greatest cultural assets. It fosters richness and openness to the world. Languages are not just tools of communication, they are also key to social cohesion and integration. In today's multilingual European society, shaped by migration, citizen mobility, and globalization, the coexistence of many languages should be embraced as a strength.</p> <p>In this past European legislature, Esquerra Republicana has actively promoted the official status of Catalan in the EU. However, this progress faced political opposition. The Spanish right and far-right used the European Parliament to attack these efforts, including through a visit by the Petitions Committee to challenge Catalonia's language immersion model in schools. Esquerra denounced this as an attack on Catalan public education funded by EU resources, undermining the credibility of EU institutions.</p> <p>Recognizing Catalan as an EU official language would help end the current linguistic subordination experienced by over 10 million Catalan speakers, a community larger than 13 EU member states.</p> <p>For all these reasons, the European Free Alliance advocates to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make Catalan an official EU language. 2. Ensure that all EU citizens can communicate with EU institutions in Catalan. 3. Include Catalan in EU language-learning programs and initiatives supporting the cultural and creative sectors (publishing, audiovisual, video games). 4. Provide financial aid and affirmative action to promote the use and creation of content in minoritized languages like Catalan. 5. Foster cross-border cooperation between regions that share languages. 6. Encourage multilingualism, especially among public administration staff, as a tool against language-based subordination. | |

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