



**Semaine Bruxelloise du Multilinguisme
Brusselse Week van de Meertaligheid
Brussels Multilingualism Week**

15 > 20.02.2027

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1. Introduction

Philippe Van Parijs & Brigitte Neervoort

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What is the Brussels Multilingualism Week ?

- **Organised by the Brussels Council for Multilingualism**
- **Objectives of the Week**
 - publicize what is done to make Brusselers multilingual
 - reflect together on challenges and how to address them
 - discover and celebrate Brussels' linguistic diversity
- **First edition : 9 > 14.02.26**
- **100 partners**
- **Support of Brussels Capital Region & City of Brussels**



2. Events during the Week of Multilingualism

Birgid Decleyn & Brigitte Neervoort

2. Events during the Week of Multilingualism

- Taking place between Monday 15.02 > Friday 19.02
- Organised by schools, companies, embassies, cultural organizations, etc...
- Public events or internal events
- In your venue or a venue of your choice
- Paying or free events > you decide

2. Events during the Week of Multilingualism

Criteria :

- **Accessibility:** the activity deliberately makes a language accessible and unlocks it for a broad audience.
- **Inclusivity:** the proposal demonstrates openness toward other languages and ensures different language groups feel welcome.
- **Brussels context:** the initiative highlights Brussels' multilingualism in a positive way.
- **Thematic focus:** multilingualism is central as the main topic of the proposal.

We offer communication :

- all public events on the agenda of visit.brussels and the website of the week, a social media campaign
- all events (public & internal) on the website of the Brussels Multilingualism Week

and we offer a chance to actively promote the multilingualism of Brussels !

We cannot :

- offer fees
- find venues for proposals or proposals for venues

Next steps to submit a firm proposal to take part in the Week :

- You will receive an invitation to submit a firm proposal to take part in the Week **by 15 October**
- You submit your proposal by filling in a form **before 7 December**
- The organization will validate (or not) the proposal **before 18 December**
- Once your proposal is validated, you will be invited to fill in forms for the communication of the week



3. Stands in the Bourse on Saturday ***Patrizia Civetta & Vanessa Pascucci***



3. Stands in the Bourse on Saturday

- **20 February 2027 | 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM**
- **Bourse, Floors 0 & 1 – Brussels**
- 50 organisations promoting multilingualism
- The purpose of the stands is to share projects and good practices and connect organisations and professionals in order to exchange knowledge
The objective is to inform and engage the public and to encourage language learning

3. Stands in the Bourse

- We aim to create opportunities for interaction, discovery and exchange between people from different linguistic backgrounds in order to value and celebrate all languages equally
- The target group are professionals, organisations, teachers, multilingual families, young people, language and culture enthusiasts

3. Criteria – Information Stands at the Bourse

- **Accessibility** – Clear and accessible information for a broad audience.
- **Inclusivity** – Welcoming all linguistic backgrounds and promoting respect for language diversity.
- **Brussels context** – Highlighting Brussels' multilingual character.
- **Interaction** – Engaging visitors through activities, conversations, quizzes or demonstrations (for adults and children)
- **Visibility & attractiveness** – A welcoming, appealing stand that attracts and engages visitors.

3. Next steps to submit a proposal to participate with a stand

- You will receive an invitation to submit a firm proposal **by 15 October**
- You submit your proposal for a stand by filling in a form - indicating if you need a table and/or electricity connection > **deadline 7 December**
- The organization will validate (or not) your request > **answer before 18 December**
- You will be invited to fill in forms for the communication
- You will receive the practical information about the stand:
location, dimensions, floor plan, electricity connection



4. Encounters & debates on Saturday

Philippe Van Parijs



4. Encounters & Debates on Saturday 20/02

@ Bourse/Beurs main floor, 10.30-16.30

Some topics considered:

- Linguistic requirements for employment in Brussels (Horeca, export-oriented, ...)
- AI and impact on language-linked employment
- Multilingualism & image of Brussels
- The City of Brussels as European capital of democracy (city level, EU level)
- Place of native languages at school
- Brussels' languages and linguistic communities (Rom, linguistic minorities from Turkey ...)



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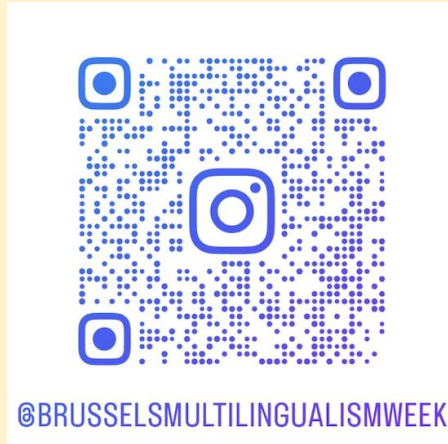
What we do :

- collaboration with visit.brussels : all public events on their website (“Agenda”)
- website <https://multilingualism.brussels/> > all activities, both public and internal
- press actions
- instagram

3. Communication

What you can do ?

- When your project (activity or stand) is validated, you will receive a **press kit in 3 languages** (logo and graphical chart, brief presentation texts, credits to mention, links to the websites)
- Instagram: **your communication > please tag us!**





Questions & Answers



Thank you ! Merci ! Bedankt !

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