

## Positive image of plurilingualism - Looking for schools

We are currently implementing the project *“Fostering Rapprochement through education for democracy and language learning”* (FRED) in Kosovo\* (2018 – 2020). The objective of the project is to promote a positive image of local and regional plurilingualism and pluriculturalism as a social, cultural and economic asset, access to language learning and education for democratic citizenship as contributions to the rapprochement between communities. It takes account of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities as well as the draft Strategy for Promotion and Protection of Language Rights of the Office of Language Commissioner to support local institutions and beneficiaries, such as the Ministry of Education and the Office of the Language Commissioner to promote a multi-ethnic society.

The project is implemented by the Education Department of the Directorate of Democratic Participation of the Council of Europe.

During this project we will be working with up to 10 pilot schools who will organise projects and activities in their schools and communities which promote a positive image of plurilingualism and of the languages and cultures of the different communities living together.

We would also like to connect each school to a school in another European country or region which also presents a context of multilingualism and multiculturalism. Through exchanges and visits schools will discover different possible and constructive ways of dealing with such a situation and be inspired to work for change in their own context.

If your school is interested in a potential partnership and exchange with a school in Kosovo\* between 2018 and 2020 please **contact us before 15 October 2018** by sending an email with relevant basic information about your school to [josef.huber@coe.int](mailto:josef.huber@coe.int) and in copy to [alban.maliqi@coe.int](mailto:alban.maliqi@coe.int)

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