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Personal Data

Dónall Ó Riagáin works as an independent consultant on language planning. A founding member of the European Bureau for Lesser Used Languages, he was subsequently the organisation's first President and Secretary General. He was involved in preparing a number of reports for the European Parliament, the European Commission, the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities and the Council of Europe, including the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages.

He is a part-time lecturer on University College Dublin's MA Course in European Studies. An Honorary Fellow of Trinity College, Carmarthen, Wales, he is Chairperson of Abakan Action, an informal network working for the promotion of linguistic diversity.

He is a founding member of VOCES (Centre for the Study and Teaching of Lesser Used Languages) in the University of Bremen and also a member of EUNoM (European Universities Network on Multilingualism).

He is currently working as an expert on the RUS-MINORITIES joint programme of the Council of Europe and the EU, and is a member of Linguapax Advisory Board.

Recent and ongoing projects

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Minorities in Russia (Council of Europe, European Union and Russian Ministry for Regional Development) - <http://www.jp.coe.int/CEAD/JP/default.asp?TransID=174>

VOCES (Centre for the Study and Teaching of Lesser Used Languages), University of Bremen - <http://www.fb10.uni-bremen.de/cestealul/about.aspx>

EUNoM (European Universities Network on Multilingualism) – <http://multilingualismchair.uoc.edu/opencms/opencms/webs/pr>

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Chairperson of Naas Twinning Group [twinned with Allaire (Brittany), Dillingen (Bavaria), St. David's (Wales), Casalattico (Italy) and Omaha (Nebraska)] - <http://kildare.ie/naastowncouncil/Twinning/naas.asp>

Member of GSPT (Ghrúpa Stiúrtha ar Pholasáí Tumoideachais – Steering Group on Irish-medium Immersion Education)

Member of National Executive of STÁDAS, an organisation which campaigned successfully for the acceptance of Irish as an official and working language of the European Union

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