

Motions

Motion number	4
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Member party	Andalucía Por Sí – Andalucistas and Chunta Aragonesista
Title (of the Motion)	PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF THE ANDALUSIAN LANGUAGE AS A EUROPEAN CULTURAL HERITAGE

MOTION ON THE PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF THE ANDALUSIAN LANGUAGE AS A EUROPEAN CULTURAL HERITAGE

REASONING:

The Andalusian language is a cultural and linguistic expression with centuries of history, forming part of **Andalusia's intangible cultural heritage** and **Europe's linguistic diversity**. With its unique phonetic, morphosyntactic, and lexical richness, the Andalusian language is not only a cultural legacy but also a vital tool for transmitting identity, knowledge, and popular expression.

Moreover, **the Andalusian language is the fundamental basis of the Spanish spoken in Latin America**, as the first settlers and administrators of the American continent were predominantly Andalusians. Phonetics, “*seseo*”, and other defining characteristics of Latin American Spanish originate in Andalusia, making the Andalusian language an essential component of the linguistic and cultural heritage of more than 500 million Spanish speakers worldwide. However, within the Spanish State, the Andalusian language has long suffered from stigmatization, discrimination, and a lack of institutional recognition, limiting its use in official, educational, and media contexts.

This situation violates the principle of linguistic diversity protection enshrined in **Article 3.3 of the Spanish Constitution** and **Article 22 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union**, which establishes respect for linguistic diversity.

Furthermore, the **European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages**, adopted by the **Council of Europe**, emphasizes the importance of preserving and promoting linguistic diversity within the continent and protecting languages and speech forms that carry fundamental identity value in their respective communities. In this context, the Andalusian language deserves specific recognition and support at the European level, in line with EU and UNESCO policies for the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage.

Therefore, it is essential that the **European Union recognizes and supports initiatives to protect and normalize the Andalusian language across institutional, educational, and**

cultural domains, ensuring that its rich linguistic heritage is neither marginalized nor lost over time.

THE EUROPEAN FREE ALLIANCE CALLS FOR:

1. **Recognize the Andalusian language as part of Europe's intangible cultural heritage, and call for its inclusion in the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage and in Council of Europe instruments such as the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages.**
2. **Incorporate the Andalusian language into the European Union's strategies for the promotion of linguistic diversity and the protection of regional and minority languages, ensuring access to funding and institutional support for its research and preservation.**
3. **Promote academic research on the Andalusian language through European cooperation programmes, encouraging studies on its historical development and influence on Latin American Spanish, within frameworks such as Horizon Europe and Erasmus+.**
4. **Include the Andalusian language in EU programmes promoting multilingualism, such as the EU's Multilingualism Policy and related cultural and educational initiatives, ensuring its full recognition as a legitimate component of Europe's cultural heritage.**
5. **Establish specific funding opportunities within the European Union's cultural programmes, such as Creative Europe, to support artistic, audiovisual, and literary production in the Andalusian language, ensuring its visibility and access to the European cultural industry.**
6. **Request that the European Commission develop and support mechanisms within EU digital and educational strategies to promote the presence and use of the Andalusian language across digital, academic, and media platforms, helping to reduce its underrepresentation and discrimination.**

LEGISLATION THAT IS VIOLATED

a) **Article 22 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union**, which guarantees that the Union shall respect cultural, religious and linguistic diversity. The lack of recognition and promotion of the Andalusian language violates the spirit of this article.

b) **Council of Europe's European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages**, which calls on member states to actively promote and protect languages that are part of their cultural heritage. The continued marginalization of the Andalusian language represents a failure to comply with the objectives of this charter.

c) **UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003)**, which promotes measures to ensure the recognition, documentation and transmission of intangible cultural expressions, including languages. The absence of policies to safeguard the Andalusian language may be considered inconsistent with this convention.

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