

## **Motions**

Motion number	6
Name of the person introducing the Motion to the GA	Helena Castellà
Member party	Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya
Title (of the Motion)	Support for the official status of Catalan, Galician and Basque in the EU
Campaign topic	Diversity for all

- Considering the Spanish government's proposal to the Council of the European Union to grant Catalan, Galician and Basque the status of official languages of the European Union.
- Considering the attempts by the Spanish right and extreme right, especially the Partido Popular and Vox, to prevent the recognition of these languages by all means.
- Considering the lack of agreement and concreteness on this issue on the part of the Council of the European Union.
- Considering the willingness of the Spanish institutions to assume the full economic cost of implementing this initiative.
- Considering that the Spanish presidency of the Council of the European Union ended on 31 December last year, and that the current Belgian presidency has the power to re-introduce this initiative into the Council's agenda.
- Considering that there are more than 10 million speakers of Catalan, 3 million speakers of Galician and 750,000 speakers of Basque, all of which are co-official languages in Spain.
- Considering that these languages are currently spoken in the European Union Member States of France, Spain and Italy.
- Considering that, in some cases, these languages have more speakers than some of the languages currently official in the institutions of the European Union.
- Considering the founding values of the European Union, respect for and promotion of its cultural and linguistic diversity.
- Considering the protection of languages as set out in the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages.

## The European Free Alliance:

1. Calls on the Council of the European Union to recognise Catalan, Galician and Basque languages as official languages of the European Union.



- 2. Calls on the Member States of the European Union to implement all measures required for the meaningful protection and promotion of their linguistic and cultural diversity.
- 3. Calls on the Spanish government to take action to inform and disseminate among the Member States the proposal to grant these languages official status.
- 4. Calls on the Belgian presidency of the Council to bring back this demand to the Council's agenda and to work for its endorsement.

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