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# MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE ACTIONS

## Doctoral Network Joint Doctorates

14 EU-funded PhD positions – double degrees

Start of the application campaign  
May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026



Start of the project  
September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026



Start of the PhD theses  
November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026



MULTILINGUAL  
LANGUAGE  
AWARENESS  
IN THE EUROPEAN  
DIGITAL SOCIETY



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## Abstract

Today's European society faces major challenges with far-reaching implications driven by rapid digital transformation and increased mobility, such as linguistic inequality in education, the lack of linguistic diversity in academia, business and governance, the widening technology gap between well-resourced languages and less-resourced languages, biases and stereotyped language (e.g. related to gender, race) conveyed by digital tools and AI technologies. These alarming developments call for urgent action.

MultiLAWa advances pluri-/multilingualism as a key driver of social cohesion and inclusion by promoting Language Awareness (LA) – the explicit and implicit knowledge of language(s) and language use – across individual, institutional and societal levels.

Going far beyond existing research and doctoral training initiatives, the project's overarching objective is to analyse the interconnections between LA, pluri-/multilingualism and digital transformation, and to translate this knowledge into practical solutions by:

- investigating how LA can serve as a competence for navigating Europe's digital transition, and how digital progress can foster LA and pluri-/multilingualism;
- developing new theoretical, methodological and empirical foundations for LA in the digital age;
- creating innovative digital resources and guidelines to raise LA and thus enhance pluri-/multilingualism.

Bridging the gap between academia and industry, MultiLAWa brings together 10 European universities and 16 associated partners (including 11 non-academic organisations) in an exceptional multi-stakeholder consortium. MultiLAWa will train a new generation of 14 young plurilingual researchers to become experts capable of addressing language-related challenges in a rapidly digitalising society – contributing to sustainable, inclusive and pluri-/multilingual ecosystems across Europe.

## 10 University partners (Beneficiaries):

- Université de Lorraine, ATILF, FR (Coordination)
- University of Innsbruck, AT
- University of Vienna, AT
- University of Zurich, CH
- Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, DE
- University of Mannheim, DE
- University of Copenhagen, DK
- University of Milan, IT
- University of Warsaw, PL,
- Nova University Lisbon, PT

## 16 Associated partners (academic: 5; non-academic: 11):

- Swiss National Bank, CH
- Univerbal, CH
- Charles University, CZ
- Lexical Computing, CZ
- Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, DE
- Center for Rhetorical Science Communication Research on Artificial Intelligence, DE
- Dudenredaktion Cornelsen Verlag GmbH, DE
- Ernst Klett Verlag GmbH, DE
- Leibniz Institute for German Language, DE
- Ordbogen A/S, DK
- WeDo – Project, ES
- Ministère de la Culture, FR
- Observatoire européen du plurilinguisme, FR
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, FR
- Interhome Group, IT
- Zenter fir d'Lëtzebuerger Sprooch, LU

**Consortium members**

