



ELEN | EUROPEAN LANGUAGE EQUALITY NETWORK

ELEN GENERAL ASSEMBLY | ASSEMBLEA GENERAL DE L'ELEN

NEW TECHNOLOGIES
AND LANGUAGE ACTIVISM:
HARNESSING NEW DEVELOPMENTS
IN LANGUAGE TECHNOLOGY AND
SOCIAL MEDIA TO HELP SAFEGUARD
OUR LANGUAGES

NOVES TECNOLOGIES I ACTIVISME
LINGÜÍSTIC: APROFITAR ELS NOUS
AVENÇOS EN TECNOLOGIA
LINGÜÍSTICA I XARXES SOCIALS
PER AJUDAR A SALVAGUARDAR LES
NOSTRES LLENGÜES

2025, BARCELONA, CATALUNYA

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Aleksandra Oszmianska-Pagett, Chief of ECRML Committee of Experts, Council of Europe

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Oriol Ramons, CIEMEN, Catalunya

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FRIDAY 14TH

FOSTERLANG WP3 WORKSHOP

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x**10:00** Immersion Education and Multilingual Classrooms: the Catalan Experience.

Moderator: Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones, Daniel Wutti and Monica Pereña

Strategy and Policy - Montse Montagut Catalan, Director of Llengues d'Origen Programme, Department of Education, Catalan Government, Linguapax

1. Implementation and Practice: Catalan teachers
2. International Responses: Concepts and Case Studies. Contributions from researchers and activists from different European contexts
3. Summing up

13:00 LUNCH

ELEN GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025

RESEARCH AND ACTIVISM SESSION

SALA MORAGUES

14:00 Opening welcome remarks

Davyth Hicks, Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones, Jordi Garrell

14:10 The latest developments in language technology that supports European minoritized languages

Roger Serra, Director General de Política Lingüística en els àmbits Tecnològic i Audiovisual · Generalitat de Catalunya

FOSTERLANG WP6

SALA MORAGUES

FOCUS GROUP MEETING

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x**14:40** How language technologies can engage communities through social media and language promotion campaigns: Online content creation and increasing everyday usage and visibility for our languages.

(This workshop is part of the Fosterlang project and open to all ELEN members).

Focus group coordinator: Monica Pereña | Moderator: Justyna Olko.

Speakers / Content creators: Blanca Trull Armengol (Catalan), Welmoed Sjoerdstra (Frisian), Dessie Donnelly (Irish).

NGOs: Jordi Alabern (Plataforma per la Llengua); Ernest Montserrat (Òmnium Cultural); Albert Badosa (HIGA); Louis Albert Becker (YEN), Jordi Garrell (CIEMEN), Kasia Wojtylak (Warsaw Univ.)

16:40 COFFEE BREAK

ELEN WORKSHOPS

17:00 ELEN's role in the Review of the Universal Declaration of Linguistic Rights Review.

ELEN has been invited to play a key role in the development of the revised Universal Declaration of Linguistic Rights over the coming two years 2026-2028 with the aim that the new text will be launched in 2028 to coincide with the 80th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The original text dates back to 1996. PEN Català and CIEMEN will coordinate the review of the Declaration with the input of NGOs from across the globe. ELEN will lead the European NGOs. Presentation from PEN Català and CIEMEN.

*Isidor Marí i Mayans, sociolingüista i membre de l'Institut d'Estudis Catalans.
Oriol Ramon i Mimó, filòleg i membre de la junta del CIEMEN.*

18:00 CLOSURE

18:30 Press Conference

Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones, Davyth Hicks, David Minoves, Jordi Garrell

19:00 Official Reception, photo ops, networking

Introduction by Dr. Davyth Hicks, ELEN Secretary-General

Welcome speech by Mr. David Minoves, President of CIEMEN

Intervention by Prof. Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones, President of ELEN

Intervention by Prof. Nicolas Levrat, UN Special Rapporteur for Minority Issues.

Intervention by Ms. Marta Salicrú, commissioner for the Social Use of Catalan at the Barcelona City Council

Intervention by the Hon. Mr. F. Xavier Vila i Moreno, Minister for Language Policy of the Generalitat de Catalunya

Closing speech by the Hon. Mr. Josep Rull, President of the Parliament of Catalonia.

20:00 BUFFET DINNER & NETWORKING

SATURDAY 15TH

08:45 Accreditation opens

OFFICIAL OPENING

SALA MORAGUES

09:10 Official Opening and Welcome Speeches

ELEN PLENARY

SALA MORAGUES

09:30 Plenary 1*Prof. F. Xavier Vila, Catalan Govt Minister for Language Policy***09:50 Plenary 2****New ELEN Campaign Strategy and Recommendations***Moderator: Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones**With: UN Special Rapporteur for Minorities, Nicolas Levrat, ELEN Secretary General Davyth Hicks, Mirjam Vellinga (Afûk), Ciarán Mac Giolla Bhéin (CnaG), and Aleksandria Oszmianska-Pagett, Chief of ECRML COMEX.**This workshop will discuss the new ELEN strategy to the international institutions (draft to be sent to all members beforehand), particularly the EU, and look at how we can make it more effective, in particular achieving clear, unambiguous language rights and the meaningful protection of national and linguistic minorities.***10:30 ELEN Business****Presentation and Annual Report outlining the objectives and activities carried out from November 2024 to November 2025 by ELEN, and proposed objective and activities for 2026.***Davyth Hicks, Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones.***11:30 Group Picture****11:40 COFFEE & NETWORKING****12:10 Workshop 1 Housing**

SALA MORAGUES

*Moderator: Ciarán Mac Giolla Bhéin**This workshop will discuss current developments (EU and national level) in the housing crisis debate and how it affects our languages.*

- *It will examine what's happening at the EU and local level.*
- *It will discuss proposals for further action and campaigns by ELEN and member organisations, and which interventions would be most effective*

Workshop 2 ELEN Youth

AUDITORI

Moderator: Mirjam Vellinga

- *Building on last year's GA, we will continue developing ELEN Youth. We will explore what kind of role younger individual members and youth organisations want to play within ELEN and what support they need to make that happen.*
- *What kinds of activities and projects would be most interesting to focus on?*

- *How can we make sure there's enough funding to bring these ideas to life for example, for HIGA?*
- *The outcomes of this workshop will feed directly into Plenary Workshop 4: "Developing ELEN – The Ideas Lab."*

13:00 LUNCH & NETWORKING

ELEN PLENARY WORKSHOPS

SALA MORAGUES

14:30 Plenary Workshop 3

Building online activism and effective campaigns, sharing expertise.

Moderator: Elena Jimenez

Discussion led by Dessie Donnelly (CnaG), Welmoed Sjoerdstra (Afûk).

Members will have the opportunity to discuss with expert online activists and content creators about effective online campaigning and awareness raising.

15:20 Plenary Workshop: Developing ELEN - the Ideas Lab.

Moderators: Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones, Davyth Hicks, Ciarán Mac Giolla Bhéin

Bringing together the various discussions and outcomes from the earlier workshops, this workshop will look at a range of topics including:

- *How we can enhance co-operation between members,*
 - *Maximise the impact of GAs,*
 - *Increasing core funding for operational costs,*
 - *Access long term government funding, EU funding, project development.*
 - *Future working groups: Explore the potential to explore other sub-structures along thematic lines, e.g ELEN sub-group on housing, youth etc. that can convene meetings every quarter or 6 months and feed back into the steering committee.*
 - *ELEN observatory/working group to monitor RML related litigation, collect data.*
 - *ELEN working group on language technology development, lobbying big tech.*
 - *Dealing with the rise of the far right and their client organisations.*
 - *Streamlined Steering Committee continues to 2026.*
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15:45 COFFEE

16:00 Resolutions

Moderators: Davyth Hicks, Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones

- CYMDEITHAS YR IAITH GYMRAEG
- CADEMIA SICILIANA
- PLATAFORMA PER LA LLENGUA
- CIEMEN
- KONTSEILUA
- KEVRE BREIZH
- COUNCIL OF ARMANS
- PERSPEKTIVA KASZĘBSKŌ

17:00 New Members Presentations.

Moderators: Davyth Hicks, Elin Haf Gruffydd Jones

- Kelennomp, Renan Kerbiquet, Brittany.
- Avrupa Batı Trakya Türk Federasyonu (ABTTF) Halit Habip Oğlu
- Diwan, Anne-Sophie Brats, Brittany.
- HIGA, Albert, international
- Committee on the Administration of Justice NI, Dara Keeve, Ireland.
- Institute of Cornish Studies, Univ. of Exeter, Kensa Broadhurst, Cornwall.
- Perspektiva Kaszëbskô, Artur Jabłoński, Poland.
- Mentrau Iaith, Myfanwy, Cymru.
- Cademia Siciliana, Sicily

17:40 Fosterlang project forthcoming events, Justyna Olko & Mònica Pereña.**17:50 ELEN General Assembly 2026:**

Proposal for the GA 2026 to be held in Béal Feirste, Ireland, presentation by Ciarán Mac Giolla Bhéin (CnaG).

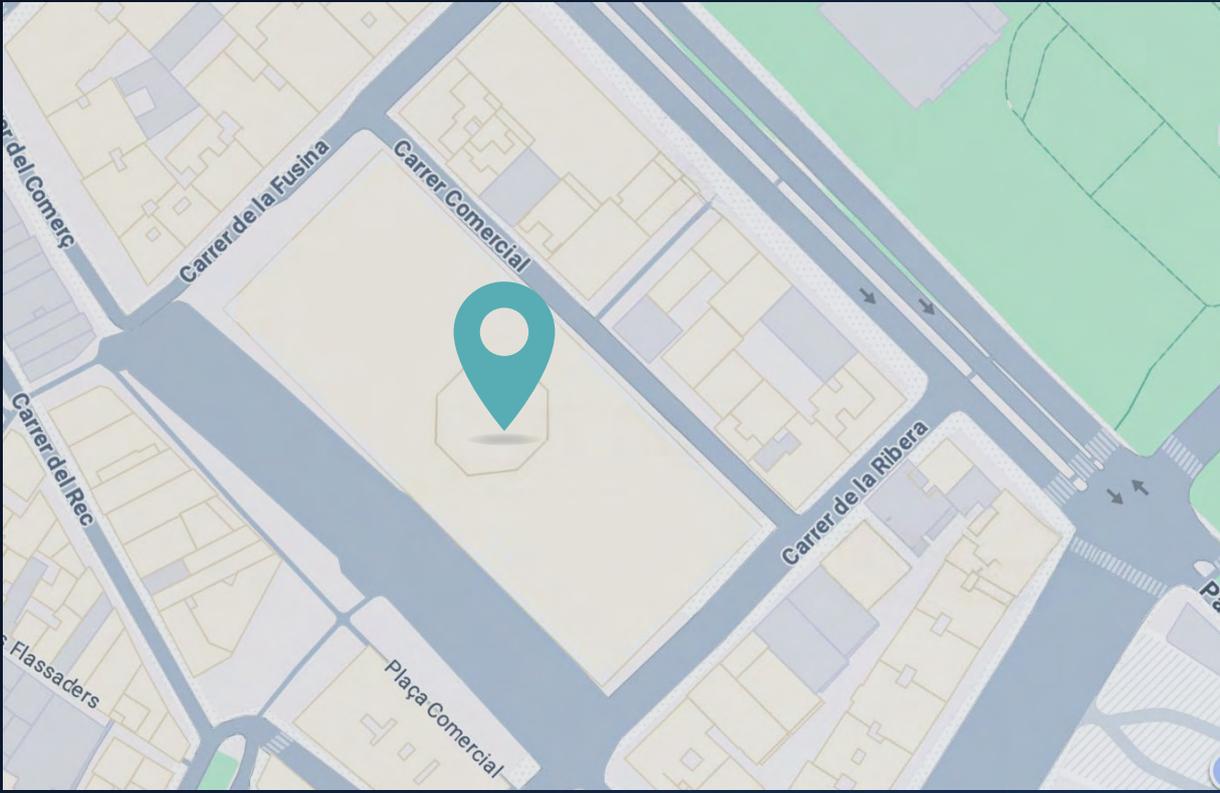
18:00 CLOSE**20:00 BUFFET RECEPTION/ DINNER**

L'ATENEU

Catalan cultural event and ELEN GA 25 Party.

SUNDAY 16**09:30 Guided tour of El Born Cultural Center.**

LOCATION / UBICACIÓ



Centre Cultural el Born: Plaça Comercial, 12, 08003, Barcelona

 elbornculturaimemoria.barcelona.cat

BUS / AUTOBÚS

59 i D20 (Pla de Palau)
47, V15, V17 (Via Laietana/Correus)
V19 (Av. Pg. Picasso o Marquès de l'Argentera)
120 (Placeta del Comerç)
H14 (Pg. Picasso o Marquès de l'Argentera)
H16 (Lluís Companys)
Bus Turístic: Stop Pla de Palau

UNDEERGROUND / METRO

L4 (Jaume I, Barceloneta),
L1 (Arc de Triomf)

BICING

390 (Comerç, 36), **09 i 14** (Marquès de l'Argentera, 13-15)

BICYCLE AND SCOOTER ANCHORS

The centre provides anchors for foldable bicycles and scooters.

Outside, there is an anchor at Comercial Street, corner with Fusina Street.

TREN

Estació de França: **R13, R14, R15, R16**. Departure and arrival point for several long-distance lines.

Estació Arc de Triomf: **R1, R3, R4, R7**



The theme for this year's General Assembly will look at how effective can language technologies and social media be in helping to maintain and increase everyday usage of our languages

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