

Euphémé Manifesto

1. In accordance with Article 6 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which encourages linguistic diversity with respect for the mother tongue, at all levels of education, wherever possible, and which promotes the learning of multilingualism from the earliest age,
2. Noting that allophones are increasingly numerous in our European societies,
3. Noting that these people are subject to linguistic discrimination, that they are stigmatised because of their mother tongue(s), that they are subject to criticism, mockery, interference or neglect on the pretext that they do not speak the official language(s) of the host country,
4. We, the partners of the European Euphémé project, call on civil society and politicians to:
 - a. Show linguistic tolerance towards non-native speakers,
 - b. stop banning the use of mother tongues within families,
 - c. stop banning the use of mother tongues in public spaces, including schools,
 - d. not to criticise people who speak languages other than the country's official languages,
 - e. to promote linguistic tolerance from an early age,
 - f. offer training for professionals in contact with people of foreign origin to enable them to manage linguistic diversity,
 - g. to provide places and times for exchanges with people having different languages and cultures to guarantee dialogue and establish a social peace.