Programme for the Forum of the European Minority Regions 10-12 November

“Minorities mean business”
- How a different language and culture can attract investors and tourists

Date: 10-12 November 2022
Place: The Connemara coast hotel, Galway  www.connemaracoasthotel.ie

Thursday the 10th November

15:00 – 19:00   Arrival of participants to Galway
19:30 – 21:00   Welcoming the participants of the Forum of European Minority Regions
Irish Folk music in the bar of Connemara coast hotel

Friday the 11th November

9:30 – 10:30   Opening session
Loránt Vincze, FUEN President, MEP, Romania
Rónán Mac Con Iomaire, Director of Regional and Community Development and Language Planning, Údarás na Gaeltachta, Ireland
Éamon Ó Cuív, TD, Member of the Dáil Éireann (the Irish Parliament), Ireland
Aengus Ó Snodaigh, Chairperson of the Dáil Committee on the Irish Language, Ireland (online over zoom link)
Tríona Na Mathuna, Priomhoifigeach Cúnta, Assistant Chief Officer at the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and Vice-Chair of the NPLD, Ireland

10:30 - 12:30   Business and tourism in minority regions
Key-note speech: Ré Ó Laighléis, Writer, Ireland
Key-note speech: Greg Richards, Professor of Placemaking and Events at Breda University, the Netherlands (On-line over zoom)
Key-note speech: Finbarr Bradley, professor emeritus of finance at Dublin City University, Ireland

Comments by:
Christoph Schmidt, Director of Nordfriisk Instituut, Germany
Håkan Casares Berg, Observatorio da Cultura Galega, Consello da Cultura Galega, Spain
Óscar-Adrià Ibáñez, Catalonia, Valencia and the Balearic Islands, Head of linguistic rights and entreprises, Plataforma per la llengua, Spain
Romedi Arquint, former president of FUEN and Lia Rumantscha, Switzerland
Eugenia Natsoulidou, founded the Macedonian Educational and Cultural Movement, Greece
Meirion Prys Jones, Consultant, former Chief Executive of the Welsh language board and NPLD, the United Kingdom

12:30 - 14:00   Lunch

14:00 – 15.30   Minority language promotion projects in action
Key-note speech: Michele Gazzola, Lecturer in Public Policy and Administration at Ulster University, Belfast, Northern Ireland
Siubhán Nic Grianna, Manager of Language Planning, Údarás na Gaeltachta, Ireland
Bríd Ní Chongholie, Gaillimh le Gaeilge, Ireland
István Horváth, Director of the Romanian Institute of minority studies, Romania
Bahne Bahnsen, FUEN vice president, Germany
Marc Jiménez i Agulló, Director general for language policy and multilingualism in the Valéncia region, Spain
Anna Jungner-Nordgren, International officer, The Swedish Assembly in Finland.
Andrea Vukelić, consultant in the Serb national council, Croatia

15:30 – 16:00   Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30   Targeting the youth - Regional identity and languages for young people
Moderator: Craig Willis, Researcher at the ECMI, Germany
Seán Ó Cionn, CEO of Foras na Gaeilge, Ireland
Case Study: Glúin Z – Empowering Gaeltacht Youth, by Hannah Ní Dhoimhín, language planning executive, Údarás na Gaeltachta, Ireland
Jean-Pierre Levesque, Vice President of Institut Culturel de Bretagne, France and Marie-Noëlle Rinquin, international relations, Institut Culturel de Bretagne, France
Facundo Reyna-Muniaín, Instituto da Lingua Galega, Spain

18:00 – 20:00   Dinner

Saturday the 12th of November

10:00 - 18:00   Study visit to the Árainn Islands
Linguistic and Cultural Tourism to the Árainn Islands