

**EC2U Forum 2026**

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University of Turku

**Session description****Wednesday 20 May 2026****Time: 10:00–12:00****Place: ARC A112****Scientific session: Multilingualism for Inclusive and Sustainable Education**

How can multilingualism help shape a more inclusive and sustainable future for European education? This virtual panel, hosted by the School of Languages and Translation Studies, brings together researchers and educators to explore multilingual practices, ideologies, and innovations across EC2U partner institutions. Drawing from recent studies on language learning, minority and language contact, digital communication, and sustainable teaching practices, the session highlights how multilingualism can support equity, well-being, and intercultural competence in European classrooms and beyond. Participants will also engage with examples of language-aware pedagogies and institutional strategies that advance linguistic inclusion and support the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The session invites researchers, educators, and policymakers to reflect together on how multilingualism can be better integrated into the future of European higher education.

## Agenda:

10:00–10:10 Welcome &amp; Introduction

10:10–10:50 Research presentations (3 x 10 minutes + transitions)

10:50–11:15 Institutional/practical cases or digital showcase

11:15–11:55 Roundtable discussion and audience Q&amp;A

11:55–12:00 Closing remarks

## Panel members:

Hanna Jokela, University Lecturer at the University of Turku

Minna Maijala, Professor at the University of Turku

Hui Shi, Assistant Professor at the University of Turku

Jingyi Shao, Doctoral Researcher at the University of Turku

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