

ROUND TABLE

**Challenges and opportunities of
introducing plurilingual approaches in
multilingual contexts where old and
new forms of multilingualism coexist**

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In the five-year period between 2013 and 2018, more than 2,400 pupils in South Tyrolean schools took part at the activities within the project ‚One School, many languages‘. 34% of them stated that they could speak at least one other language in addition to German, Italian, English and South Tyrolean dialect. Albanian, Farsi, Punjabi and Sardinian are just some of the languages that appear in the repertoires of the participants. The data are indicative of how multilingualism is no longer limited to the official or schooling languages - German, Italian, Ladin and English - in South Tyrolean classrooms. The new multilingualism has global characteristics and presents South Tyrol with new challenges, similar to what has already happened in other multilingual contexts, both national and European. How do old and new multilingualism coexist in the classroom? What are the challenges that the South Tyrolean education world faces in valuing all the languages present in the territory, be they German or Urdu? What can research do to support their inclusion in everyday teaching practice? And what can teaching staff do? etc. ... These are just some of the questions that will be discussed during the round table „Challenges and opportunities in introducing multilingual approaches in contexts where old and new forms of multilingualism coexist“ hosted at Eurac Research.

The Round Table is organised within the framework of the final event of the project „A lezione con più lingue/ A scora cun de plü lingac/ Sprachenvielfalt macht Schule“ (SMS 2.0), initiated at Eurac Research's Institute for Applied Linguistics and whose main objective is to recognise, valorise and promote the linguistic heterogeneity present in the classroom.

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