

Country Report Norway, 2023

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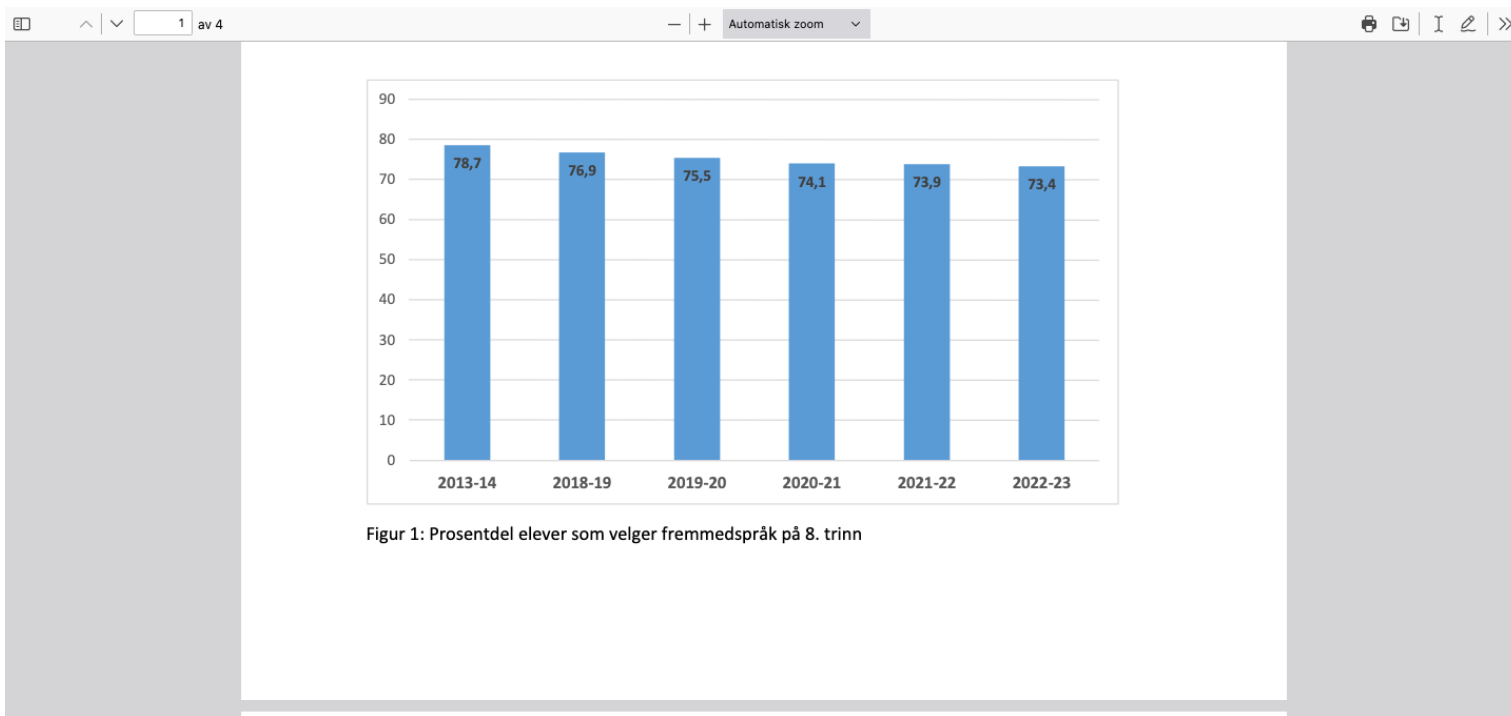
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A year of transition and renewal

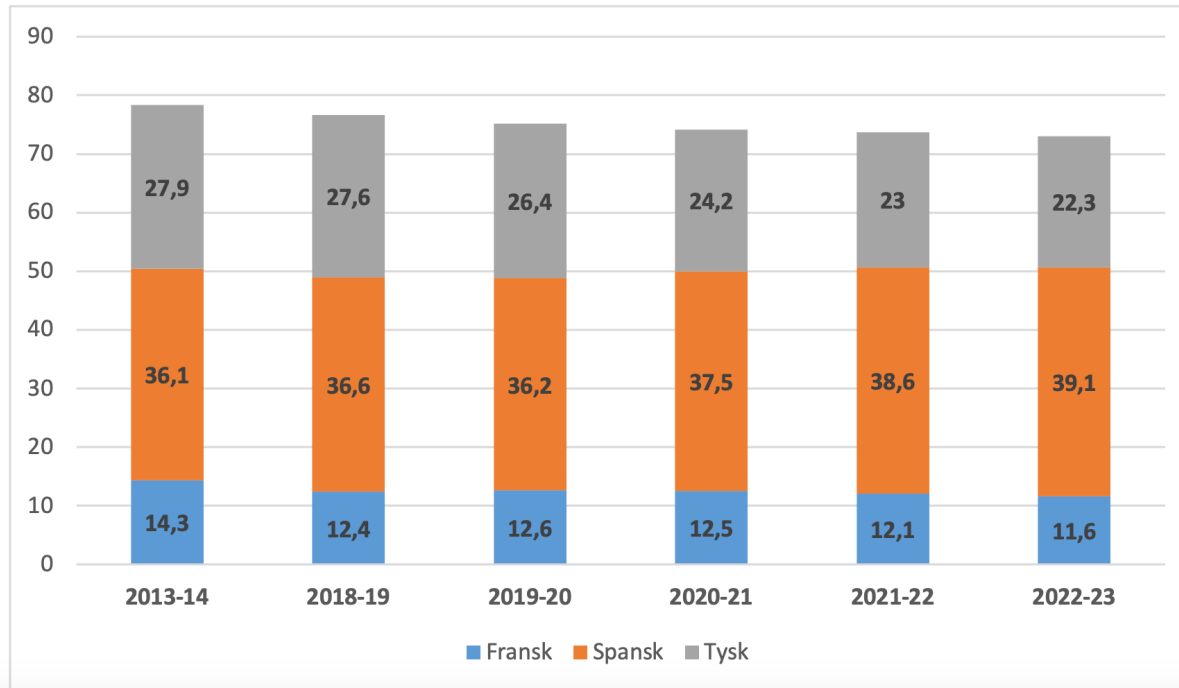
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8th grade: percentage of students choosing a FL

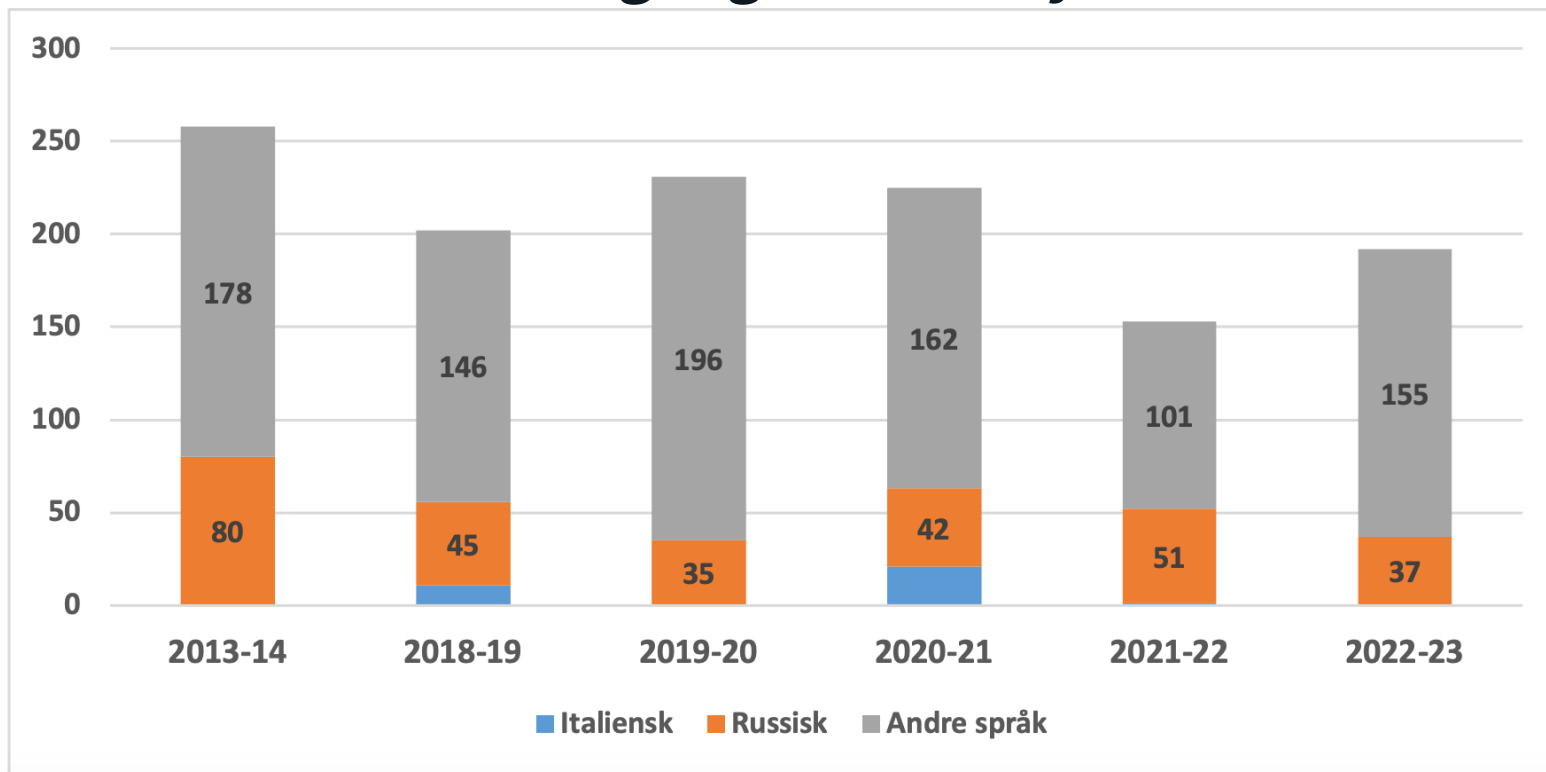


Figur 1: Prosentdel elever som velger fremmedspråk på 8. trinn

Increasing difference French/German vs. Spanish



Other languages are very scarce



A vulnerable situation

- Low interest for language studies, in addition to a significant drop in teacher education in general



Assessment

- The digitalization of the national exams are completed
- New formats, mixing skills and competences
- The first exams 2023 were problematic due to internet/technical problems + bureaucratic poems (!)
- Discussion on the impact of AI for exams in general
- Norway will not join the first PISA-test for English (2025)



Internationalization

- A joint Nordic language conference on feedback, Uppsala, October 2023
- A joint publication on the language conference in Copenhagen 2021, <https://journal.uia.no/index.php/NJLTL/announcement/view/39>
- A better implementation of ECML resources (and vice versa) continues
 - Publication of a short version of the European Framework of Reference (companion volume) – in cooperation with Sweden
 - Norwegian translation of the Recommendation of the Council of Europe concerning the importance of language (2022)
- Webinars with national and international colleagues
 - Conference, 26th September
Democracy and citizenship in the language classroom



Communicare – our journal for language teachers



Capacity building

- The English section is involved in a longer project focusing on assessment in lower secondary school in Trøndelag)
- Many one-day courses all over Norway (physical or digital) on new developments

Research and in-service training

- The centre participates in R&D projects
 - Change from “adviser” to “lecturer” (assistant professor)
 - Focus on implementation and interpretation of national curricula
 - One centre colleague will be on a sabbatical leave to write his PhD
- In-service-training for the staff
 - Meeting at France éducation, Paris
 - Ministry of Culture, Paris

