

What's going on in Switzerland?

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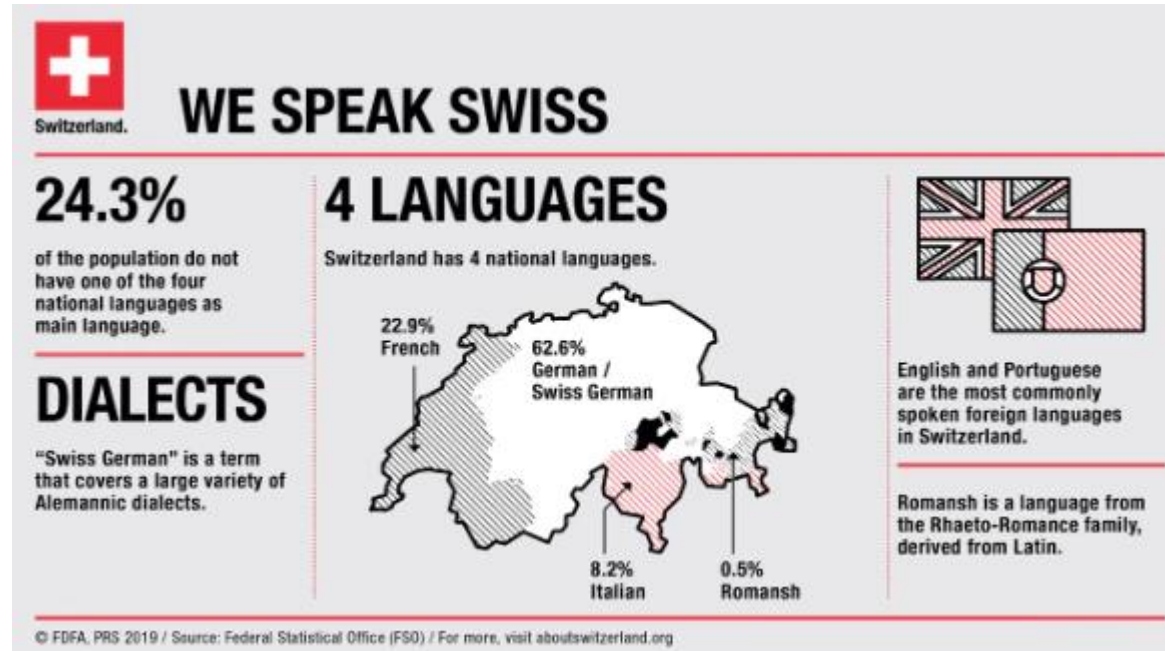
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The Swiss linguistic landscape



Source(<https://www.eda.admin.ch/aboutswitzerland/en/home/gesellschaft/sprachen/die-sprachen---fakten-und-zahlen.html>)

Action contexts

- 1) Institute of Multilingualism
- 2) PHGR (Pädagogische Hochschule Graubünden)
- 3) EDK (Schweizerische Konferenz der kantonalen ErziehungsdirektorInnen)/BAK (Bundesamt für Kultur)

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Schweizerische Konferenz der kantonalen Erziehungsdirektoren
Conférence suisse des directeurs cantonaux de l'instruction publique
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Goals...



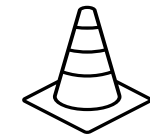
- enrich academic and societal debate on multilingualism
- advance multilingualism as a field of research
- promote knowledge transfer

...How to achieve them



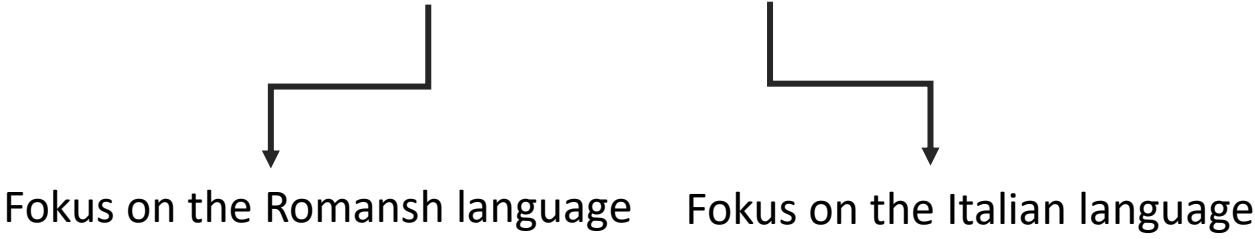
- basic and applied research →
- events: conferences (e.g., host of EuroSLA 2022), symposia (e.g., IRG – Informal Research Group, 2020), doctoral workshops, round tables

Some ongoing projects



- “Digital translation tools in foreign language teaching and learning”
- “Swiss learner corpus SWIKO” (+ “WETLAND - Weiterentwicklung und Anwendungen” + “DiCoi - Digitalisation et développement de la compétence d'interaction orale”)
- “Multilingualism in a health crisis”

PHGR - Professur für integrierte Mehrsprachigkeitsdidaktik: goals, measures, ongoing projects



Goals...



- train future teachers of Italian (language of instruction/L2)
- promote the dual competence profile of young teachers in the linguistic field
 - enhance research in the field of Italian as a language of instruction and L2
- develop support materials for the teaching of Italian (language of instruction/L2)

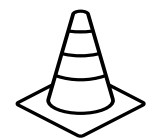
...How to achieve them



- teaching programmes
- basic and applied research
- support materials for Italian



Some ongoing projects



- QUATTRO
- Orblta

(some) Goals...



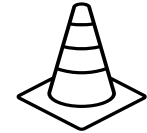
- promote national languages at school (Art. 10 SpV - Spracheneverordnung)
- promote heritage languages at school (Art. 11 SpV - Sprachenverordnung)

...How to achieve them



- call for project proposals

Some 2022 accepted projects



- ITALFABULA
- Neue, rätoromanische Lehrmittel für das Niveau A1
- Bilingualer Unterricht an der Volksschule? Absolutement!
- Mehrsprachige Bildungsräume
- Mehrsprachige integrieren - für eine sprach- und diversitätssensible Schulkultur

To sum up

The Swiss context leads to an ever-living willingness, desire, and need to...

- ...pursue basic and applied research, e.g., trying to better define the constructs underlying the dynamics of language learning and those underlying the relationship between language and society
- ...develop new materials that can support both teachers and the development of their skills, as well as students and other key actresses/actors, such as families/caregivers
- ...harmonise the collaboration between actresses and actors animating the educational context (teachers, students, families/caregivers, but also researchers)
- ...monitor the impact of technologies in language learning
- ...improve knowledge transfer

Thank you for your attention!

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