

## **From bilingualism to multilingualism: Basque, Spanish and English as languages of instruction.**

The Basque Autonomous Community has two official languages which are used as medium of instruction in education at all levels. Nowadays there is a strong trend to use Basque rather than Spanish as the main language of instruction in primary and secondary education and Basque is also becoming an important language of instruction at the University level. The increasing links with other European countries and the use of English as the main language of science have created the need to go beyond bilingual education at all educational levels. The University of the Basque Country has developed a plan to introduce English as an additional language of instruction. This paper reports different aspects of the implementation of this plan including the results of a survey, language tests for teachers, and a special language course. The paper also discusses the main challenges of the plan and the possibility to use additional languages such as French and German as languages of instruction.

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