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Abstract



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Technology at the Service of Language Sustainability

Technological changes are at the core of today's social changes and cannot be analyzed in isolation one from the other. At the end of the 90's the world adopted the Millennium Development Goals to face the challenges of that times. These goals were not met and the world adopted the more ambitious Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), which include innovation and technology as a way to generate employment (goal 9) and the need to reduce inequalities (goal 10), in which technology can and should play a key role as in many other goals. Languages, and especially minority languages, however, are not explicitly mentioned in the SDG. The objective of this presentation is to highlight the need to link between technological development, minority language promotion and the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Brief Bio :

Vicent Climent-Ferrando is Research Coordinator of the UNESCO Chair on Language Policies for Multilingualism at Universitat Pompeu Fabra-Barcelona (UPF) since 2019. He was a post-doctoral researcher at the European Research Consortium MIME (Mobility and Inclusion in a Multilingual Europe, at the University of Augsburg, Germany) for the period 2016-2018. He holds a PhD in Political and Social Sciences from the Department of Political and Social Sciences of the Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona (UPF), Spain (2016), and has been a PhD researcher at Sciences-Po Paris (2013-2014). He has also served as an external policy expert for the European Commission's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) during the years 2017-2021. His lines of research revolve around political discourse analysis, immigration, integration, nationalism, multilingualism, identity politics and cosmopolitanism.