

Guidelines of the MIDAS Blog

About the blog: The MIDAS Blog explores the role of minority and regional languages, as well as broader minority issues across Europe, highlighting current topics and debates. We provide news, share ideas and spark conversations on minority rights and the challenges faced by communities. Another focus is on minority language media.

MIDAS is the [European Association of Daily Newspapers in Minority and Regional Languages](#). The blog is edited by the Center for Autonomy Experience and the Institute for Minority Rights (both Eurac Research).

Audience and tone: Write for researchers as well as an interested public, using a formal, clear and accessible tone in English. Avoid unnecessary jargon and provide context for any specialist terms that may be unfamiliar to non-expert readers. Use British English, with headlines in sentence case. For questions of style, consult the [Guardian guidelines](#).

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Structure and length: Articles should be no longer than 1,500 words, but can be slightly longer if necessary. Titles should be concise. At the beginning of the article, there should be a short summary of up to four sentences that clearly states what the text is about. This summary will also be used for promotion on social media. In addition to the summary, you may also include up to five short key takeaways as bullet points at the start of your article.

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