

# MINORITY AND REGIONAL LANGUAGES IN FREE SOFTWARE & OPEN TECHNOLOGIES

BoF meeting

 SFSCON - Crane Hall  
7<sup>th</sup> November, 14:00

// multilingual by design - Unicode / CLDR

// reusable tools - ASR / TTS

// open datasets - CLARIN

→ **Join us**

Bring your curiosity or  
your favorite open-source ideas.



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**Regional and minority languages** are often overlooked or poorly supported in today's digital tools. We aim to build open, reusable building blocks so these languages work in everyday services for citizens, schools, media, and public services.

### Call for contributors and open-source developers

Help move this forward:

- add language names/labels where apps can display them;
- expand open datasets for speech technology;
- improve shared interfaces to ensure languages appear correctly across projects;
- bring proven ideas from other minority-language projects.

Everyone can use, improve, and share the results – small changes can ripple across many apps.

### What this session offers you

**Open impact:** everything discussed feeds into open platforms and reusable resources.

**Onward path:** we gather promising ideas, tools, and connections - and help keep collaboration alive after the meeting.

### How the session works (duration 40')

#### Part 1 — Overview (15-20')

A brief presentation of the key frontiers we are working on and where contributions help most. The aim is to provide a shared understanding and highlight concrete entry points.

#### Part 2 — Open floor (~20')

We will turn to the room for a guided conversation. Participants are invited to introduce themselves, share a project or idea, and explore how it might connect.

### Join us

Come curious and ready to share your open-source ideas. Walk away with new ideas on how to contribute to keeping minority languages alive and visible in the digital world.

**See you at SFSCON Bolzano - Crane Hall - the 7th November, 14:00 – 14:40**