

3. LINGUISTIC MINORITIES

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Linguistic minorities:

- Spatially concentrated autochthonous groups within a state, that do not have the same mother tongue as the official state language.
- Linguistic minorities can or cannot have official status in education, law, administration, etc.

Minority name/toponym: Name locally used to designate a geographical object situated in an area where minority language speakers are concentrated.

Current linguistic minorities in Western Europe



Linguistic minorities might disappear through assimilation or being swamped.

Riviera with part of Kingdom of Savoie in 1860 (Italian map)



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