

# **Lingua italiana e internazionalizzazione: lo sguardo di un giurista cittadino dell'Unione europea, di nazionalità francese**

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*Italian Language and Internationalization: the Perspective of a Lawyer, Citizen of the European Union and of French Nationality*

*Abstract:* An European citizen lawyer of French nationality's look at the issues of language and internationalisation. Le bonds between language and citizenship are well known in the French historical, legal and political debate, as French language has been promoted as the language of the law since 1539 first in order to warrant access to the law and to justice and then since 1789 in order to warrant participation in the democratic process. EU policies for the protection of multilingualism are limited because member States have a strong competence to that effect to the Union; on the other hand, the treaty provisions on the language regime of the Union's institutions provide for a strong protection of effective multilingualism.

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