

Language rights & PSIT as a tool of inclusion

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As an introduction to the topic, I will address the question of the different meanings of language rights from other stakeholders' perspective (migrants, service providers, researchers, etc.), following the discussion initiated by Simo Määttä about the interpreter's perspective. I will argue that is time to adopt a true (realistic) multifaceted approach to go a step further in the professionalization of PSIT. I will try to demonstrate with some examples how such a perspective can turn PSIT into a tool of inclusion and access to services. This will take us to the topic of lingua franca vs. less-widely spoken languages and to explore the links between language rights in PSIT, official language policies, and budgetary issues.