3.2.2 Policy Implications at the Country Level
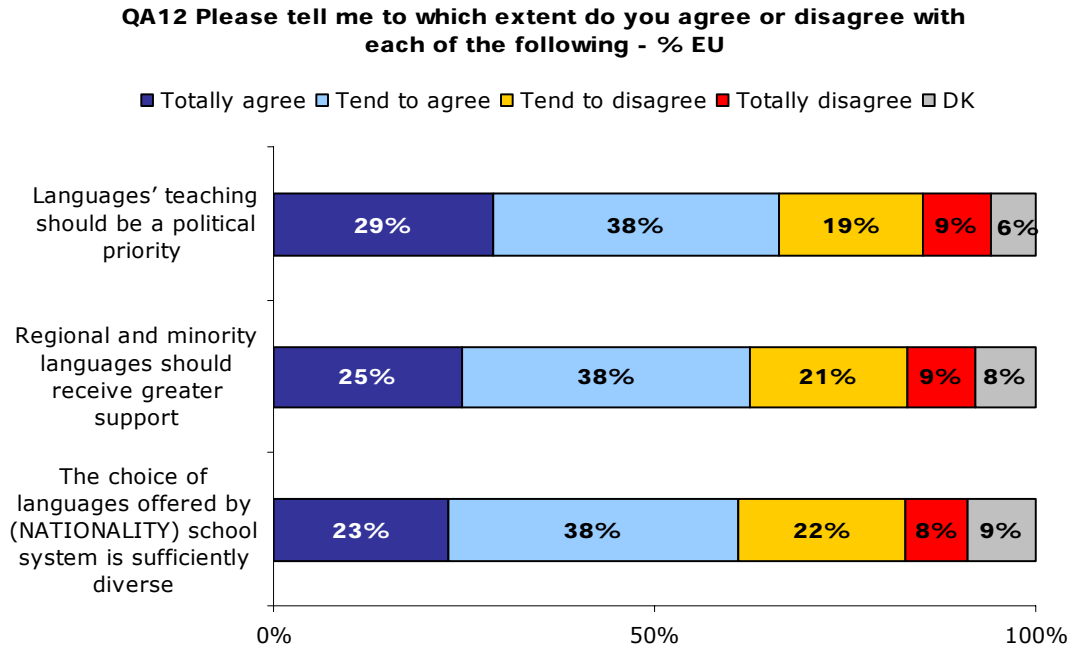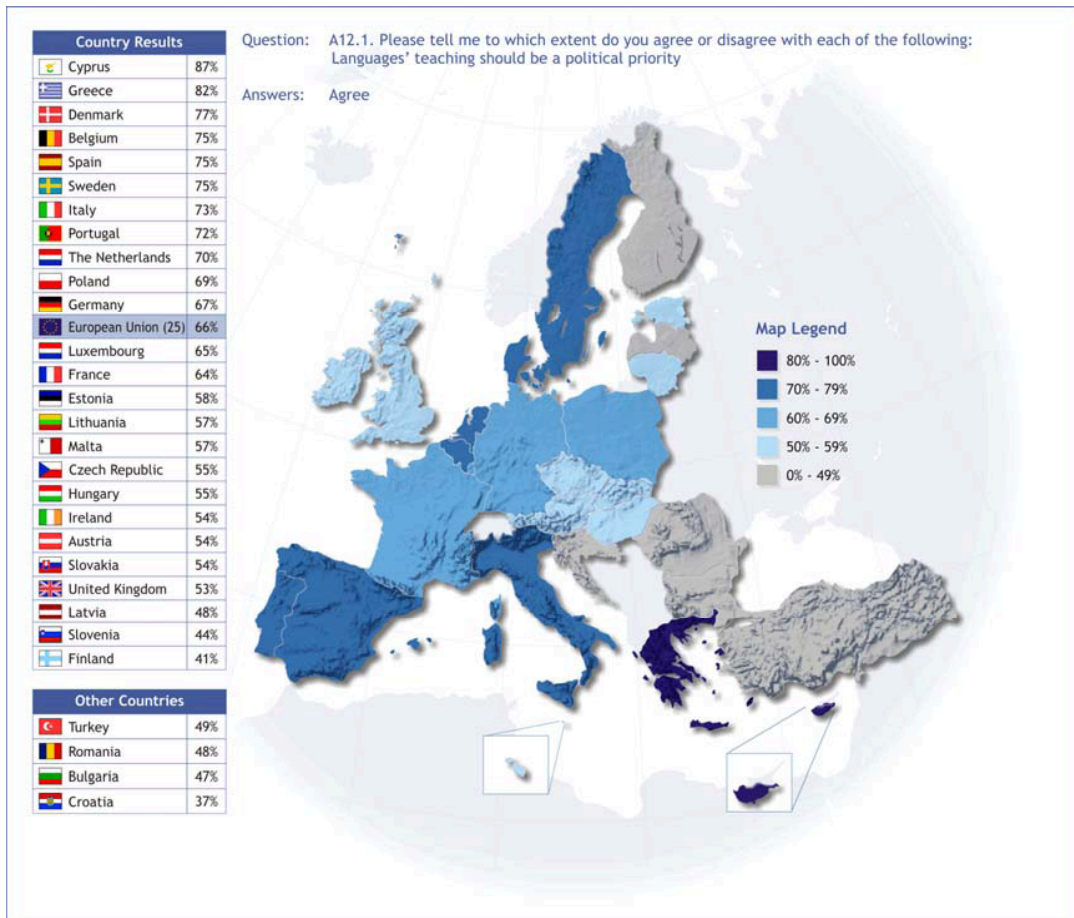
This final chapter analyses the opinions of Europeans concerning some initiatives that could form part of national multilingualism policies.

- 67% of Europeans would make language teaching a political priority –

QA12 Please tell me to which extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following - % EU

■ Totally agree ■ Tend to agree ■ Tend to disagree ■ Totally disagree □ DK

	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	DK
Languages' teaching should be a political priority	29%	38%	19%	9%	6%
Regional and minority languages should receive greater support	25%	38%	21%	9%	8%
The choice of languages offered by (NATIONALITY) school system is sufficiently diverse	23%	38%	22%	8%	9%

0%   50%   100%

A reasonable share of EU citizens (67%) agrees with the statement that language's teaching should be a political priority, 29% being entirely in agreement with this view.

In 26 out of 29 countries polled, the largest proportion of citizens shares this view. 87% of Cypriots, 82% of Greeks and 77% of Danes would accept language teaching as a political priority. Citizens in the candidate country Croatia (55%), Finland (53%) and in Slovenia (49%) are most likely to stand against this view.

Country Results	
Cyprus	87%
Greece	82%
Denmark	77%
Belgium	75%
Spain	75%
Sweden	75%
Italy	73%
Portugal	72%
The Netherlands	70%
Poland	69%
Germany	67%
European Union (25)	66%
Luxembourg	65%
France	64%
Estonia	58%
Lithuania	57%
Malta	57%
Czech Republic	55%
Hungary	55%
Ireland	54%
Austria	54%
Slovakia	54%
United Kingdom	53%
Latvia	48%
Slovenia	44%
Finland	41%

Other Countries	
Turkey	49%
Romania	48%
Bulgaria	47%
Croatia	37%

Question: A12.1. Please tell me to which extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following: Languages' teaching should be a political priority

Answers: Agree

Map Legend
- 80% - 100%
- 70% - 79%
- 60% - 69%
- 50% - 59%
- 0% - 49%

The second statement deals with the concern for protecting regional and minority languages in Europe. 63% of the EU citizens think that regional and minority languages should receive greater support, with a quarter of respondents strongly agreeing with this view.

At the country level, differences between those who agree and those who disagree with this view are not distinctive. Nevertheless, **a majority in every single Member State stands for better conditions for regional and minority languages.** The only country polled where those disagreeing with this view outnumber the supporters is the candidate country Turkey.

The countries with the most sympathy for regional and minority languages are Malta (87%), Slovenia (82%) and Cyprus (79%). It could be interpreted here that respondents of relatively small Member States with native languages spoken by a limited number of people seem to understand the importance of preserving linguistic diversity. As a conclusion, **strong support for protecting the linguistic diversity of Europe prevails**.

Finally, the respondents were asked to evaluate the adequacy of the choice of languages offered by their national school systems. **61% of Europeans state that they are satisfied with the present range of languages available at schools in their country**, out of which 23% are totally comfortable with the

current situation. About a third (30%) would like to increase the selection of languages.

Out of 29 countries polled, in 28 countries the majority feel that they have enough choices when it comes to the selection of languages on offer in schools. This is especially the case in Malta (98%), Finland (87%) and Luxembourg (82%). The Turks (47%), Greeks (44%) and Poles (39%) are most in agreement with the viewpoint that the choice of languages is insufficient.

It should be pointed out that **in countries where language skills are widely spread, respondents also seem to be satisfied with the selection of languages offered** whereas, in those countries where a lack of competence in languages can be observed, citizens call for a wider choice of languages in national school systems.

QA12 Please tell me to which extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following.

% Agree	Languages' teaching should be a political priority	Regional and minority languages should receive greater support	The choice of languages offered by (NATIONALITY) school system is sufficiently diverse
EU25	**67%**	**63%**	**61%**
BE	75%	66%	79%
CZ	55%	55%	68%
DK	77%	56%	75%
DE	67%	55%	62%
EE	58%	77%	72%
EL	82%	73%	55%
ES	75%	65%	60%
FR	64%	59%	61%
IE	54%	65%	54%
IT	73%	75%	63%
CY	87%	79%	73%
LV	48%	72%	58%
LT	57%	74%	63%
LU	65%	68%	82%
HU	55%	58%	63%
MT	57%	87%	98%
NL	70%	39%	77%
AT	54%	69%	76%
PL	69%	65%	52%
PT	72%	76%	60%
SI	44%	82%	75%
SK	54%	42%	67%
FI	41%	74%	87%
SE	75%	61%	73%
UK	53%	64%	46%
BG	47%	30%	68%
HR	37%	56%	68%
RO	48%	42%	69%
TR	49%	48%	44%

QA12.1 Pourriez-vous me dire dans quelle mesure êtes vous d'accord ou pas d'accord avec les affirmations suivantes.

QA12.1 Please tell me to which extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following.

L'enseignement des langues devrait être une priorité politique

Languages' teaching should be a political priority

	TOTAL	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	DK	Agree	Disagree
UE25 EU25	24682	29%	38%	19%	9%	6%	66%	28%
BE	1000	37%	38%	19%	5%	1%	75%	24%
CZ	1029	18%	36%	30%	10%	6%	55%	40%
DK	1031	45%	33%	12%	6%	5%	77%	18%
D-W	1007	30%	39%	18%	10%	3%	70%	27%
DE	1557	29%	38%	19%	12%	3%	67%	30%
D-E	550	22%	34%	23%	19%	2%	56%	41%
EE	1000	27%	30%	19%	12%	12%	58%	31%
EL	1000	50%	32%	12%	5%	1%	82%	17%
ES	1025	39%	36%	10%	5%	10%	75%	14%
FR	1012	26%	38%	22%	9%	5%	64%	31%
IE	1000	16%	38%	26%	9%	10%	54%	36%
IT	1000	32%	42%	15%	6%	6%	73%	21%
CY	502	51%	36%	6%	2%	5%	87%	8%
LV	1000	16%	32%	26%	14%	11%	48%	40%
LT	1011	21%	36%	17%	8%	18%	57%	25%
LU	501	29%	36%	16%	14%	5%	65%	30%
HU	1015	23%	31%	16%	17%	12%	55%	33%
MT	500	29%	28%	26%	10%	8%	57%	36%
NL	1031	26%	44%	22%	4%	4%	70%	26%
AT	1002	20%	34%	21%	17%	8%	54%	38%
PL	1000	30%	40%	19%	4%	8%	69%	23%
PT	1000	29%	43%	15%	5%	8%	72%	20%
SI	1030	13%	32%	32%	17%	6%	44%	49%
SK	1044	20%	34%	27%	14%	5%	54%	41%
FI	1017	11%	30%	32%	20%	6%	41%	53%
SE	1054	39%	36%	12%	9%	5%	75%	20%
UK	1321	19%	34%	26%	14%	7%	53%	40%
BG	1004	19%	28%	17%	15%	21%	47%	32%
HR	1000	13%	24%	27%	27%	9%	37%	55%
RO	1002	21%	27%	17%	14%	20%	48%	32%
TR	1005	35%	14%	18%	23%	11%	49%	41%

VOLUME A Pondéré Weighted

QA12.2 Pourriez-vous me dire dans quelle mesure êtes vous d'accord ou pas d'accord avec les affirmations suivantes.

QA12.2 Please tell me to which extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following.

Le choix de langues proposées dans le système éducatif en (NOTRE PAYS) est suffisamment varié

The choice of languages offered by (NATIONALITY) school system is sufficiently diverse

	TOTAL	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	DK	Agree	Disagree
UE25 EU25	24682	23%	38%	22%	8%	9%	61%	30%
BE	1000	34%	45%	14%	5%	2%	79%	19%
CZ	1029	17%	50%	20%	4%	9%	68%	24%
DK	1031	41%	35%	17%	3%	5%	75%	19%
D-W	1007	30%	33%	23%	10%	5%	62%	33%
DE	1557	29%	33%	23%	10%	5%	62%	33%
D-E	550	24%	37%	24%	9%	5%	61%	33%
EE	1000	35%	37%	16%	3%	9%	72%	19%
EL	1000	23%	32%	27%	17%	1%	55%	44%
ES	1025	21%	39%	17%	7%	15%	60%	24%
FR	1012	19%	42%	25%	9%	5%	61%	34%
IE	1000	13%	41%	24%	7%	15%	54%	31%
IT	1000	20%	43%	22%	6%	9%	63%	28%
CY	502	39%	34%	16%	4%	7%	73%	20%
LV	1000	18%	40%	25%	5%	12%	58%	29%
LT	1011	25%	38%	21%	3%	13%	63%	24%
LU	501	53%	29%	9%	3%	6%	82%	12%
HU	1015	26%	37%	19%	6%	12%	63%	24%
MT	500	68%	30%	0%	-	2%	98%	0%
NL	1031	42%	35%	15%	3%	5%	77%	18%
AT	1002	30%	46%	12%	2%	10%	76%	14%
PL	1000	16%	37%	31%	9%	8%	52%	39%
PT	1000	20%	39%	23%	5%	12%	60%	28%
SI	1030	27%	48%	15%	3%	6%	75%	19%
SK	1044	18%	50%	23%	4%	6%	67%	27%
FI	1017	52%	36%	9%	2%	2%	87%	11%
SE	1054	42%	31%	11%	5%	11%	73%	16%
UK	1321	13%	34%	25%	9%	19%	46%	34%
BG	1004	30%	38%	12%	2%	17%	68%	15%
HR	1000	22%	46%	17%	5%	10%	68%	23%
RO	1002	33%	36%	11%	3%	16%	69%	14%
TR	1005	22%	21%	23%	24%	9%	44%	47%

VOLUME A Pondéré Weighted

QA12.3 Pourriez-vous me dire dans quelle mesure êtes vous d'accord ou pas d'accord avec les affirmations suivantes.

QA12.3 Please tell me to which extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following.

Les langues régionales et minoritaires devraient recevoir un soutien plus important

Regional and minority languages should receive greater support

	TOTAL	Totally agree	Tend to agree	Tend to disagree	Totally disagree	DK	Agree	Disagree
UE25 EU25	24682	25%	38%	21%	9%	8%	63%	29%
BE	1000	23%	43%	27%	6%	1%	66%	33%
CZ	1029	14%	42%	30%	8%	6%	55%	38%
DK	1031	24%	32%	29%	8%	7%	56%	37%
D-W	1007	24%	31%	27%	13%	4%	55%	40%
DE	1557	23%	33%	26%	14%	4%	55%	40%
D-E	550	18%	38%	24%	18%	3%	56%	42%
EE	1000	41%	35%	10%	3%	11%	77%	13%
EL	1000	38%	35%	17%	8%	2%	73%	25%
ES	1025	31%	34%	15%	8%	12%	65%	24%
FR	1012	23%	36%	23%	13%	5%	59%	35%
IE	1000	21%	44%	16%	4%	15%	65%	19%
IT	1000	31%	44%	16%	4%	5%	75%	20%
CY	502	47%	32%	9%	2%	10%	79%	11%
LV	1000	27%	45%	14%	4%	10%	72%	18%
LT	1011	31%	43%	13%	3%	10%	74%	16%
LU	501	32%	35%	18%	7%	7%	68%	25%
HU	1015	26%	32%	21%	8%	13%	58%	29%
MT	500	53%	33%	6%	1%	7%	87%	6%
NL	1031	12%	27%	41%	16%	4%	39%	57%
AT	1002	33%	36%	15%	5%	11%	69%	20%
PL	1000	23%	42%	18%	3%	14%	65%	21%
PT	1000	25%	50%	9%	2%	13%	76%	12%
SI	1030	30%	52%	11%	2%	5%	82%	13%
SK	1044	11%	31%	37%	14%	8%	42%	50%
FI	1017	30%	44%	17%	5%	5%	74%	21%
SE	1054	30%	31%	19%	8%	11%	61%	28%
UK	1321	19%	45%	18%	8%	11%	64%	26%
BG	1004	11%	20%	26%	23%	21%	30%	49%
HR	1000	18%	38%	23%	9%	13%	56%	31%
RO	1002	19%	24%	20%	15%	23%	42%	35%
TR	1005	30%	18%	20%	23%	9%	48%	43%