

# Re: Tactics to bringing a language to life

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<[crculver@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:crculver@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>: in sci.lang:

The claim that Esperanto protects national languages is a recent fad, which popped up in the last 30 years or so

Is that a fact? I remember being aware of the claim when I first got into contact with Esperanto, which may have been as early as 1972.

and is used to maximise funding from European institutions and give Esperantists respectability at international NGO and governmental events. Before that, the claim is nowhere to be found. Zamenhof himself said some really frightful things about language diversity, including wishing that eventually all national languages would disappear.

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