

Catalan compared to EU official languages by number of speakers

+50
MILLION

 **German**
90 million

 **French**
74 million

 **English**
71,5 million

 **Italian**
65 million

+10
MILLION

 **Spanish**
46,5 million

 **Polish**
41 million

 **Dutch**
23,5 million

 **Romanian**
19,5 million

 **Greek**
13 million

 **Hungarian**
12,5 million

 **Czech**
10,6 million

 **Portuguese**
10,4 million

 **Swedish**
10,2 million

 **Catalan**
10 million

-10
MILLION

 **Bulgarian**
8,5 million

 **Slovak**
5,2 million

 **Danish**
5,5 million

 **Finnish**
5 million

 **Croatian**
4,3 million

 **Lithuanian**
3 million

 **Slovene**
2,5 million

 **Latvian**
1,9 million

 **Estonian**
1,3 million

 **Maltese**
520.000

 **Irish**
200.000

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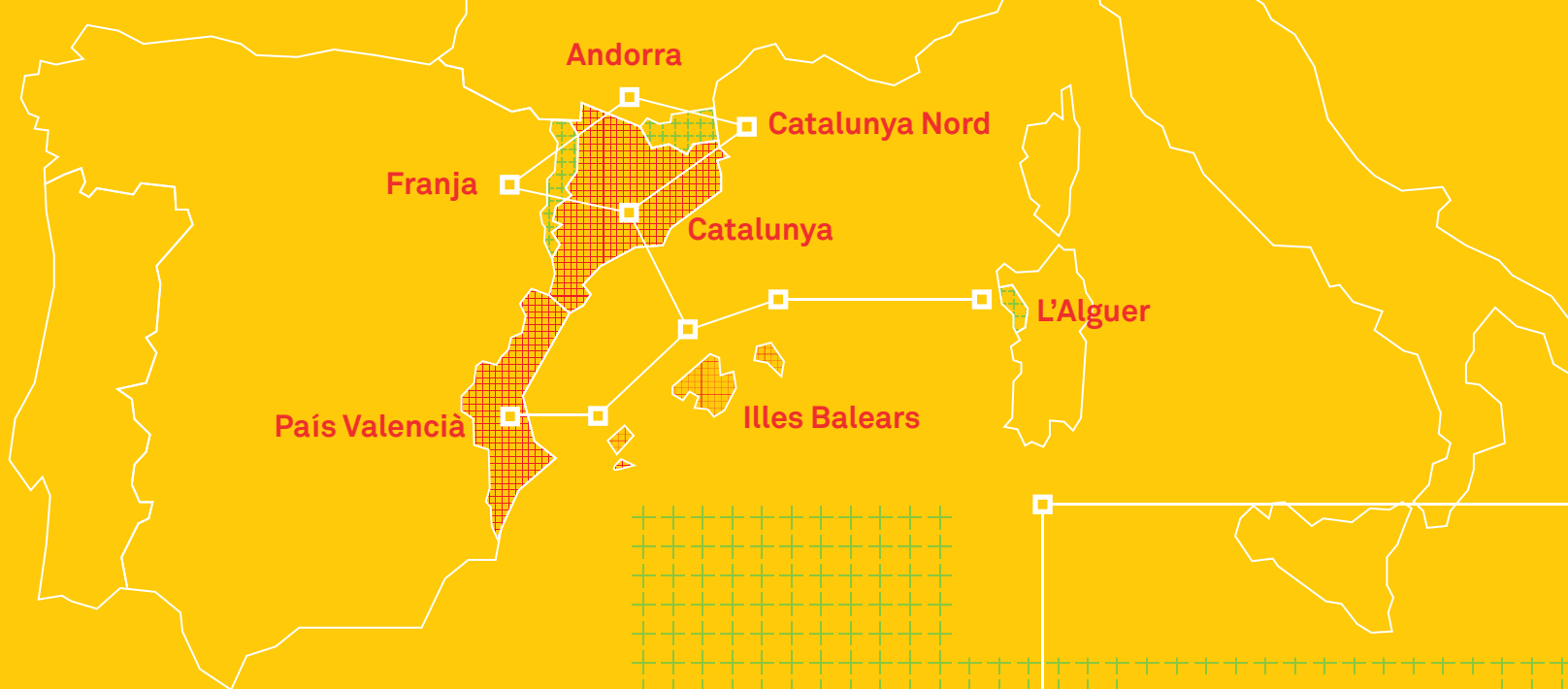
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Catalan language & internet:

key facts



Catalan is an official language



Catalan is also spoken unofficially

Catalan and the internet

The main operating systems on computers and mobile phones are available in Catalan: Windows, iOS, Android, OS X, Lion and Blackberry.

9 out of the 10 most-visited websites in Catalonia have a Catalan version Google, Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Live, La Vanguardia, El Periódico, El País and Ara. The list is headed with social media sites and followed by local general newspapers.

4 out of 5 top websites in the world have a Catalan interfere Google, YouTube, Facebook Wikipedia, Twitter and Live. Also, of the world's 6,900 languages, Catalan is 19th in the number of websites per speaker and the 26th in total number of websites.

Catalan is the 8th language by internet penetration in the world Catalan has an Internet penetration rate of 71.44, ahead of French, Italian, German and Spanish. The penetration rate is the number of Internet users divided by the country's total population.

Catalan is the 19th most used language on Twitter and the 8th most used language on blogs 3 out of 4 Catalans use Catalan in social networks and text messaging.

Catalan is the 17th most used language on Wikipedia, with more than 500,000 articles and it is 1st in number of quality articles. Catalan was the second language to have its own Wikipedia version, before German and after English.

Catalan is the 1st language to have its own domain .CAT in the world that represents a language and a culture. Since the domain was established, the number of registrations has continued to grow.

Basic facts

10 milion speakers
161 universities throughout the world teach catalan
14th most widely spoken language in the EU

Did you know?

Catalan is the mother tongue of worldwide personalities, such as architects (Antoni Gaudí), sportsmen (Pep Guardiola, Gerard Piqué, Rafael Nadal or Gasol brothers), painters (Salvador Dalí, Joan Miró or Antoni Tàpies) or chefs (Ferran Adrià or Roca brothers).

English has words borrowed from Catalan, such as barracks, paper or aubergine.