The Federation was founded by the General Assembly of its member institutions in Stockholm on 14 October 2003.

The organisational structures of the Federation are as follows:
- The General Assembly of the members
- The Executive Committee
- The Secretariat

In addition, promotes linguistic and cultural diversity within the European Union.

**EFNIL PROVIDES INFORMATION ABOUT CURRENT LANGUAGE LEGISLATION**

The ELM provides information about current language legislation, including links and translation of legislation texts. Only about half of the European countries have provisions for language in their constitution.

**ENGLISH AS LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION**

The ELM provides information about the use of languages in the educational system, for instance the use of English as language of instruction and the teaching of minority languages in primary and secondary schools.

**REGULATION OF LANGUAGE IN INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE**

The ELM provides information about the use of languages in industry and commerce, for instance legal regulations, corporate languages and use of languages on company websites.

**OVERVIEW OF ELM TOPICS**

- Country situation: Official, regional, indigenous, immigrant languages spoken within and outside the country, legal status, accordance with conventions.
- Legal situation: Language law, constitutional status, other regulations, language demands for citizenship.
- Primary and secondary education: Languages of instruction, languages taught.
- Tertiary education: Languages of instruction, languages used in publications and dissertations.
- Language use in media, papers, TV, film, music.
- Business regulations, company languages, annual reports, company websites.
- Dissemination of languages: Official languages taught abroad.
- Language organisations: Official, non-governmental but publicly funded, private.
- Language technology provisions.