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## **Panel 1 - Funding Agencies**

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### **Funding Agencies in Support to Language Processing: from the Regional to the Multinational Scale**

Funding Agencies have a very important role in the area of Language Studies, Resources and Technologies, as they must support the research investigation efforts, just as in any other scientific and technological area, but they must also ensure that the technologies which are necessary for addressing multilingualism in their political scope of intervention will be available. The effort may be related to a single national or regional language, or to a set of national or regional ones, which may be domestic or foreign languages. The Panel will gather representatives of Funding Agencies from various regions of the world. They will describe their experience and their agendas in the support of Language Studies and Technologies, including the availability of Language Resources, and the societal importance of their funding effort. The discussion will also consider the way to address this issue in order to ensure a proper coverage of multilingualism in the most efficient way.