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## **European Minority Song Contest in Lorient (France)**

Date: 27 November 2010

Location: Lorient / An Oriant, Brittany (France)

**Organisation**: <u>Liet International Festival</u>, the <u>InterCeltique Festival</u> of Lorient / An Oriant and the Regional Council of Brittany, with the support of the Council of Europe.

**Description**: The European Minority Song Contest *Liet International,* placed under the patronage of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, will move for the first time to France in order to celebrate its 7<sup>th</sup> edition. In the framework of the *InterCeltique Festival,* the event promotes contemporary new songs in minority languages. Bands performing pop, rock and rap in Asturian, Breton, Corsican, Faroese, Frisian, Friulian, Gaelic, Galician, Irish, Sami, and Veps will compete for a Prize sponsored by the Council of Europe <u>Charter for Regional or Minority Languages</u>, the unique world-wide instrument in the field.

**Public award**: Following the "Eurovision" format, the organisers have envisaged an online vote on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November after the show: <u>www.liet.nl</u>

**Focus:** The Festival will be anticipated by the <u>Partnership for Diversity Conference</u>, to which the Council of Europe will participate.

Curiosity: The Festival will also be broadcasted on CNN International.

For more information:

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