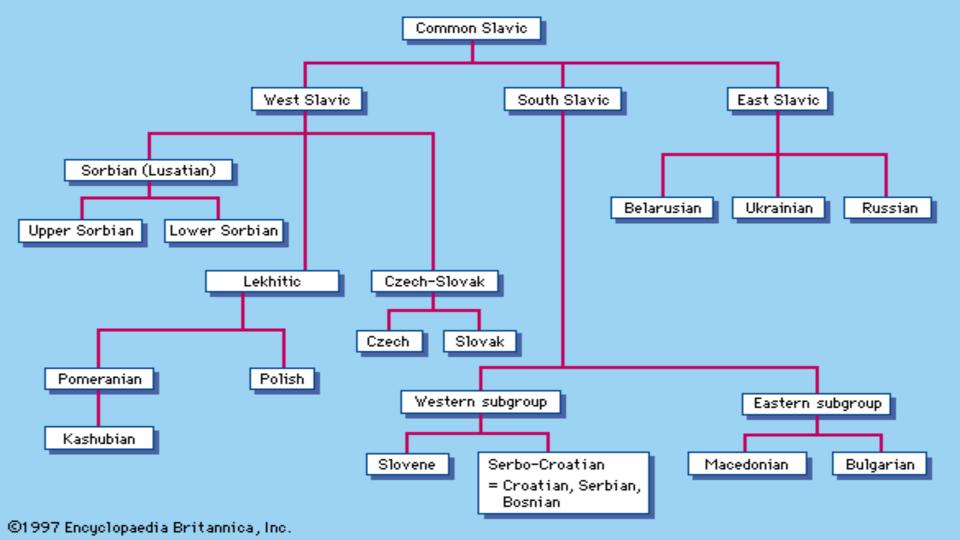
# Hornjoserbsce

Sorbian languages

Dolnoserbski







Sorbian:

Location: Germany - Lusatia

Users: 20 - 30 thousand

Lower Sorbian:

Location: Niederlausitz - Lower Lusatia (Dolna

Luzica), Cottbus (Chósebuz)

main town

Population: around 7

thousand

Upper Sorbian:

Location: Upper Saxony state, Bautzen (Budysin),

and Kamenz

Population: around 18

thousand

# **Gramma**

 Dual for nouns, pronouns, ajdectives and verbs.

Hand - Ruka (one) - Ruce (two) - Ruki (more than two)

- Upper Sorbian seven cases
- Lower Sorbian six cases (no Vocativus)

Case Upper Sorb. Lower Sorb.

Nom. žona žeńska

Gen. žony žeńske

Dat. žonje žeńskej

Acc. žonu žeńsku

Instr. ze žonu ze žeńskeju

Loc. wo žonje wó žeńskej

Voc. žono

# Sounds in comparison to Polish

Polish sounds ć and dź in Lower Sorbian change to ś and ź.

To be - Być - Biś Children - Dzieci - Źisi

Group of polish sounds tr and pr change into tš, pś and pš.

Right - Prawy – Pšawy, Scary - Straszny – Tšašny

### **Pronunciation**

#### Sorbian

- 2. dź
- ě
- 5. ch
- 6.
- ó ř
- š
- 10. W
- 11.

#### Polish

- CZ
- soft version of dz
- 3. beetwen polish e and i
- mute before I and in the end of a word (bahnity)
- 5. kh
- mute in the end of the word (niósł)
- beetwen polish o and u
- rz (křidło) 8.
- 9. SZ
- 10. before a consonant is mute (wzdać co - wyrzec się), otherwise we read it as u (Serbow)
- 11.

### **Status**

Sorbian languages are recognize by the German government. They have a minority language status.

In the home areas of the Sorbs, both languages are officially equal to German. Bilingual signs can be found all over the Sorbian region.



# Sorbian in schools

The presence of Sorbian in education is governed by the Schools Act for the Free State of Saxony of 3 July 1991 and by the First Schools Reform Act for the Land of Brandenburg. Both Acts legislate in a similar fashion in respect of the Sorbian schools in the territory and cover the following areas: definition of Sorbian as mother tongue, second language and foreign language, competitions to promote the Sorbian language, Sorbian schools, the German language in Sorbian schools, the Sorbian language in Sorbian schools, and Sorbian language tuition in other schools.

As in primary education, Sorbian is the main language in the sorbian schools at this level of education, but is an optional subject only in a few not sorbian schools in secondary education.

Sorbian is also the main language at the Serbska fachowa szkula (Sorbian College of Social Education) in Bautzen. Otherwise, Sorbian is recognised as an optional language only in a few technical colleges and vocational training institutions.

# Sorbian in government institutions

At Federal level, Sorbian is used in dealings with Sorbs who hold office in central bodies such as the *Bundestag* (Lower House). At *Land* level, Sorbian is used in dealings with individuals and institutions who are responsible for Sorbian affairs or are themselves Sorbs. The guaranteed use of Sorbian in the *Land* authorities is regulated by Section of the Provisional Administrative Procedures Act for the Free State of Saxony of 21 January 1993 and Section of the Local Authority Regulations for the Free State of Saxony of 21 April 1993.

Sorbian is not used with central authorities at Federal level. At regional and local level, the use of Sorbian depends very much on the proportion of Sorbian speakers in the relevant administrations. It is quite possible for Sorbian to be used at public meetings or in official announcements.

# Sorbian in mass media

Article 35 of the Unification Treaty permits the use of Sorbian in the mass media. This use is officially supported at Land level (Articles 25 and 26 of the Constitution of the Land of Brandenburg and Article 6 of the Constitution of the Free State of Saxony).

There is a lot of media materials published in Sorbian.

The daily paper Serbske Nowiny is published entirely in Upper Sorbian, while the weekly Nowy Casnik is published half in German and half in Lower Sorbian. The two newspapers have a combined circulation of 8 000 copies. Since 1989 the number of subscribers has declined steadily.

The journal *Letopis*, published by the Sorbian Institute, appears twice a year. It contains articles, mainly in Sorbian, on Sorbian language, history and culture.

Studio Bautzen (Serbski rozhlós) in Central German Radio's broadcasting centre in Dresden broadcasts from Monday to Friday (05.00 to 08.00), on Saturdays (06.00 to 09.00) and on Sundays (from 11.00 to 12.30) in Upper Sorbian to 30 000 listeners.

The past 10 years have seen an increase in both transmission time and numbers of listeners

East German Radio Brandenburg (ORB) broadcasts the magazine tuzyca (Sorbian from Lusatia) in Lower Sorbian on regional television.

The Parts of Wikipedia are also translated to Upper and Lower Sorbian.

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NJEWOTWISNY WJEĆOBNIK ZA SERBSKI LUD

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Agrarna rozprawa wesća ćeże z klimowej zmenu

#### Położenje so dale a bóle přiwótři

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W trochowanje medida Wil i 1950.5-2006, adiębando unt agraencje meserologoweje w Lipaku a atmakeje wjedroweje shafby, zasopojuje tuchwitse

rizelko smalitych žinjem ješto jata wymika. Runje w reginnije wolkino Wrijeruclasć k Poliskej hransky su zwjetko polikojte pisky. Inklate zijelosobi su swata sklaskovać. Nitras tribu trushoja fachowcy, za boshbe su polikinoja bisko prichoshokino prisvensky. Positino su zabilate koji suchony se naliku svidino", riku w apranoj mupraveje. Tak je sudeliku wumakov z zabijeh dwanod ištudi sostebilnia.

Regionalna identita je we wikewanja ranankich waditiliane dale a wadnita, bed worpoweduje zajmum kopzam, kottuchreditu wedited, rawotkel produkt podsatditu. Tud njemalitwa, za su ekologiske arwody w ragionje přiblohuli. Di Joh we sukrjem Budydin w bide 2010 bilice 21 arwodow, je jich w 2012 bilis 25, kotent wedbougedarja 1 337 bekuntow polew.

Zwięcia platnija w tatarskich zawożach ogłona iżw. zafemiou a pickne rostiny. Na szwięczu wszastrzeja zawody osopadzie za reliziawa. Proce wskatele palje teżt zlebywanje etergije na zakładze bieplanowych priprawow.

Zakónčacy koncert 11. Smochčanského chôroweho tydženja

#### "Klětu so zaso nawróćimy!"

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Publicum hé uot dwahudimolathokoncerta sahurjeny a žadate se j živaj přidavskaj. Jako prémi přidavsk upřivaste chôr lubusčitski spřiva za kôncu njestujetny popovy klasikar Hesites "Yestrodoj". Werner Patask přiubi: "Ptichedine živa se zase nasnočitu s!"



Mjez spirezejoni koncertu II. Smechtianskeho chierrocho tydinoje bištoj tež Spaničaner Drioces Salvador a jeje džerska Andrea Sanchez (vostpr). Potes C. Schomann

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Mijes obmani Serbstage Liwiczy nagoto jenot priklomenine walendińte. Porażnego weżlikachcje taż jako altimatum a tama. Praprawam skopsko nago-golymatkowamie dakum, Włake sa piraksiska priestwo serbskim procesaniam w cakokej Liwiczy moberajne, husto se sujentimatwe nakoność jam sposatickownieje. Zapodaća so souka, je stytućkownieje zapodaća so souka, je stytućkownieje zapodaća so souka, je stytuć-

Na zjěrelšír westanu 18 mježšíny za možíkručenje tamijetu. Potrzjeba razkludovacnje pak je wjetlu. Tobodlu poskožu Serbika Lžencu wokrjennym razjankam komunizaciju pože nich na másnije.



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35. swjedżeń serbskeje poezije

#### Dyrlich a Wićaz wuznamjenjenaj

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njedorko w Blétach kompoktny kóne tychtenja litratisko mjezymarodneko aerbskeho literarueko festiwala.

# Sorbian literature



The first book published in sorbian (that we know of) was the Bible.

First translated in 1549 by M. Jakubica and printed in 1572. it was translated to now extinct dialect of Lower Sorbian.

The oldest know copy of the Bible in Upper Sorbian is dated back to 1706 and was translated by pastor Michal Frencel.

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### Lord's Prayer

Upper Sorbian:

Wótče naš, kiž sy w njebjesach.

Swjeć so Twoje mjeno.

Přińdź Twoje kralestwo.

Stań so Twoja wola, kaž na njebju, tak na zemi.

Wšědny chlěb naš daj nam dźens.

Wodaj nam naše winy, jako my tež wodawamy swojim winikam.

A njewjedź nas do spytowanja, ale wumóż nas wot złeho.

Lower Sorbian:

Wośc naś, kenľ sy na njebju,

huswěśone buźi twojo mě.

Twojo kraljestwo pśiźi.

Twoja wola se stani, ako na njebju tak tel na semi.

Naś wśedny klěb daj nam źensa.

A wodaj nam naśe winy, ako my wodawamy naśym

winikam.

A njewjeź nas do spytowanja, ale humoż nas wot togo

złego.

Amen

Amen.

# Why is it endangered?

 lots of Sorbians are moving away from sorbian regions to other parts of Germany. Their offspring are less and less using sorbian.

 use of german is more practical therefore sorbian as a second language is dissapering.

 the national identity is dissapering supressed by the german identity

# Is there any hope?

"A program of bilingual education has been introduced into many preschools and schools, open to non-Sorbs as well. Petitions are lodged and protests held to demand the enforcement of minority rights, as enshrined in the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages and advocated by international minority-rights organizations – for example, to protest against the closing of Sorbian language schools due to a small number of attending students (in accordance with the same law that applies to the German majority), or against the disappearance of German-Sorbian road or street signs set up in bilingual areas. Holidays are celebrated festively by the Sorbs, preserving such traditions as the Catholic Sorbs' horse processions at Easter, the decoration of Easter eggs, rooster chases, and home visits by the dźećetko (symbolizing the baby Jesus). While the cultivation of traditional Sorbian customs has taken on folkloric traits, they have never ceased to have a symbolic national character for the Sorbs"

From a "An Endangered Language",

by ELŻBIETA WROCŁAWSKA, JADWIGA ZIENIUKOWA, Institute of Slavic Studies, Warsaw Polish Academy of Sciences

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