

ISO 639-3 Registration Authority

Request for New Language Code Element in ISO 639-3

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Associated Change request number : 2006-084

(completed by Registration Authority)

Tentative assignment of new identifier : gkm

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1. NAMES and IDENTIFICATION

- a) Preferred name of language for code element denotation:
Middle Greek
- b) Autonym (self-name) for this language:
Romaiki
- c) Alternate names and spellings of language, and any established abbreviations:
Byzantine Greek, Medieval Greek
- d) Reason for preferred name:
Most common amongst scholars
- e) Name of ethnic group or description of people who use this language and approximate population of users, if in use today:
- f) Preferred three letter identifier, if available:

Your suggestion will be taken into account, but the Registration Authority will determine the identifier to be proposed. Language identifiers are not intended to be an abbreviation for a name of the language, but to serve as a device to identify a given language uniquely. With thousands of languages, many sets of which have similar names, it is not possible to provide identifiers that resemble a language name in every case.

2. TEMPORAL DESCRIPTION and LOCATION

- a) Is this a Living language
- Nearly extinct/secondary use only (includes languages in revival)
- Recently extinct language
- Historical language
- Ancient language
- Artificially constructed language

(Select one. See explanations of these types at <http://www.sil.org/iso639%2D3/types.asp>)

- b) Countries where used:
Greece. Turkey, Bulgaria
- c) Region within each country: towns, districts, states or provinces where used:
- d) For an ancient or historical language, give approximate time frame; for a recently extinct language, give the approximate date of the last known user's death
500 AD to 1500 AD

3. MODALITY AND LINGUISTIC AFFILIATION

- a) This language is: Signed Spoken Attested only in writings
- b) Language family, if classified; origin, if artificially constructed:
Attic subgroup of Indo-European
- c) Closest language linguistically. For signed language, note influence from other signed or spoken languages:
Modern Greek

4. LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND USE

- a) What written literature, inscriptions or recordings exist in this language? Are there newspapers, radio or television broadcasts, etc.?:
- b) Is this language officially recognized by any level of government? Is it used in any levels of formal education as a language of instruction (for other subjects)? Is it taught in schools?:
- c) Comment on factors of ethnolinguistic identity and informal domains of use:

5. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

You do not need to repeat sources previously identified in the form, “Request for Change to ISO 639-3 Language Code”

a) First-hand knowledge. Describe:

b) Knowledge through personal communication. Describe:

c) Knowledge from published sources. Include known dictionaries, grammars, etc. (please give complete bibliographical references):
Robert Browning. 1983. Medieval and Modern Greek, 2d ed. Cambridge University Press. Cambridge.

Please return this form to:

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SIL International, Office of Language Information Systems
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ISO 639-3/RA web site: <http://www.sil.org/iso639%2D3/default.asp>
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An email attachment of this completed form is preferred.

Further information:

If your request for a new language code element is supported by the Registration Authority as a formal proposal, you may be contacted separately by researchers working with the Ethnologue or with LinguistList asking you to provide additional information.

Sources of documentation for ISO 639-3 identifiers:

Gordon, Raymond G., Jr. (ed.), 2005. Ethnologue: Languages of the World, Fifteenth edition. Dallas, Tex.: SIL International. Online version: <http://www.ethnologue.com/> .

Linguist List. Ancient and Extinct Languages. <http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfAncientLgs.html>

Linguist List. Constructed Languages. <http://linguistlist.org/forms/langs/GetListOfConstructedLgs.html>