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FORMANT - NI||-N IN MEGRELIAN

Megrelian - **ni|| (-n)** formant has been qualified in different ways in the specialist literature; it is considered as a particle or a conjunction or a conjunction particle.

Apart from the subordinating conjunctive functions — **ni||-n** has also other semantic meaning; namely when - **ni||-n** is added to the past perfect form, it conveys modality of “wish, desire” e.g. **komegu - ni** “ [I wish] I had ...”

-**ni** formant which actively forms the meaning of desirability in Megrelian could, in terms of the function, be related to the particles of the old Georgian - **imca** and Svan - **u**.