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Your data matters. Not only to your institution. Your language data can make a difference to hundreds of public service administrations across Europe.

When you donate language data, you are increasing the coverage for the content and languages that pertain to your administration. The most direct, immediate, and significant benefit is that content processed with the CEF.AT platform will be more quickly and accurately translated. The more you give, the better your translated content.

You will also benefit from the data donated by other public administrations because they, too, will contribute content that is relevant to your domains.

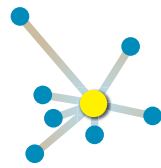
Donating data is easy. Depending on the size of the dataset, you do one of the following:

- Send your data to ELRC via email to data@lr-coordination.eu, as a zip file.
- Upload data onto the ELRC Repository, as a zip file, at <http://www.lr-coordination.eu/resources>

For further information on the contribution of language resources to ELRC, please visit our website at <http://lr-coordination.eu/resources>.

If you prefer to speak to someone directly about your data or any questions you may have, feel free to contact our ELRC Helpdesk. The contact details can be found online at <http://lr-coordination.eu/helpdesk>.

We look forward to hearing from you!



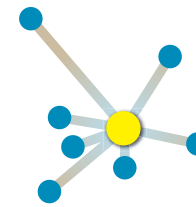
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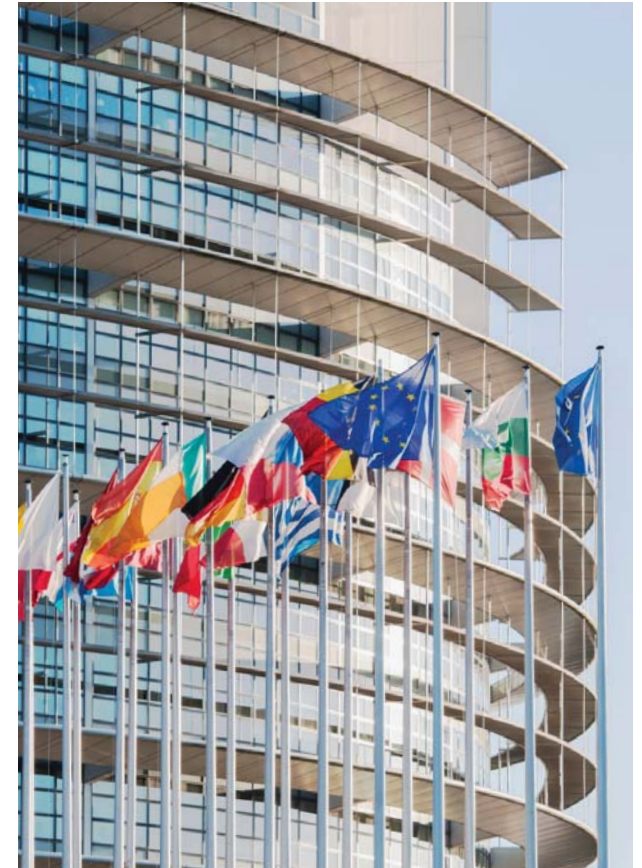
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ELRC Background

Languages and linguistic diversity are at the heart of European culture, commerce and collaboration. We work, study, travel and do business across national and geographic borders. However, Europe's cherished linguistic diversity quickly becomes an obstacle when it complicates the exchange of information or prevents unhindered access to public services, business opportunities, job opportunities, and support.

This is particularly true in the emerging Digital Single Market, where language barriers pose seemingly invisible, yet much larger challenges: While small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) represent 99% of all businesses in the EU¹, only 7% of them manage to offer their products and services outside their own regions². In fact, 90% of all European customers prefer to browse websites in their own language³.

The European Commission has now taken a decisive step towards supporting a truly multilingual Digital Single Market. The automated translation platform introduced by the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF.AT) will enable public services within Europe to provide information to its citizens and business enterprises in the language of their choice.



¹ http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition_is
² http://ec.europa.eu/priorities/sites/beta-political/files/dsm-factsheet_en.pdf
³ Flash Eurobarometer 313 Analytical report on user language preferences online (2011): http://ec.europa.eu/public_opinion/flash/fl_313_en.pdf



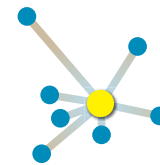
ELRC Mission and Impact

The central mission of the European Language Resource Coordination (ELRC) is to provide language and translation data (monolingual and multilingual data) that is considered relevant for the adaptation of CEF.AT to the daily needs of national administrations across Europe. As such, ELRC represents an unprecedented language resource collection effort that covers public services across all EU Member States, Iceland and Norway.

In doing so, ELRC will not only close the gap between the capabilities of the machine translation systems currently implemented by the European Commission for national administrations and the actual, day-to-day requirements of national public services across Europe, but it will also directly support Europe's national languages at the grass-roots level.

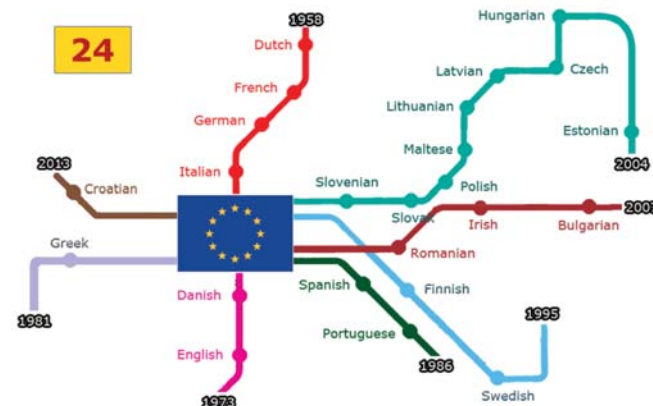
ELRC Helpdesk

ELRC offers a central Helpdesk which provides feedback in English to both technical and legal questions related to the use, production, collection, processing and sharing of language resources. The helpdesk is available free of charge to anyone. It can be reached over phone, email and web interface (see www.lr-coordination.eu/helpdesk for details). Upon receipt, a question will be processed and answered within 24 hours (simple query) to 5 days (complex query).



ELRC Local Ownership

In terms of local ownership, ELRC is governed and guided by the Language Resource Board (LRB), in which each of the 30 participating countries is represented by one technological National Anchor Point (Technology NAP) and one representative from the national public services administration (Public Services NAP). To identify the respective National Anchor Points in your country, please check the ELRC website (www.lr-coordination.eu/anchor-points).



Moreover, ELRC has organised local **Workshops** in each of the 30 participating countries. These workshops provided a forum for the European Commission, national public administrations and government bodies, language service and technology providers to work together to understand the needs of national public sector administrations with regard to automated translation and to jointly identify relevant sources of multilingual language resources.

Information on all workshops as well as all workshop presentations and reports are available through www.lr-coordination.eu/events. This also includes information on the annual ELRC Conferences.