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META

*Europe's rich and
diverse linguistic
heritage must be
the multicoloured fabric
from which its web
is made, rather than
hindering the free
flow of knowledge
and thought*

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About

META-NET is a Network of Excellence dedicated to fostering the technological foundations of a multilingual European information society. Language Technologies will:

- enable communication and cooperation across languages,

- secure users of any language equal access to information and knowledge,

- build upon and advance functionalities of networked information technology.

A concerted, substantial, continent-wide effort in language technology research and engineering is needed for realising applications that enable auto-

matic translation, multilingual information and knowledge magement and content production across all European languages, as well as to enhancing the development of intuitive language-based interfaces to technology ranging from household electronics, machinery and vehicles to computers and robots.
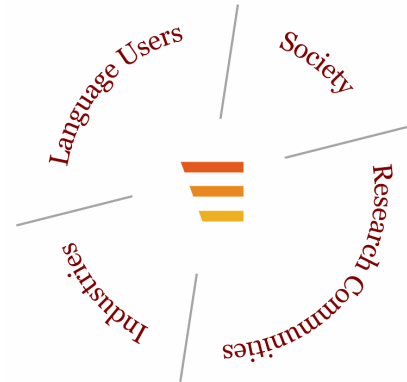
To this end META-NET is building the Multilingual European Technology Alliance (META). Bringing together researchers, commercial technology providers, private and corporate language technology users, language professionals and other information society stakeholders,

Building a community with a shared vision and strategic research agenda

Building META-SHARE, an open resource exchange facility

Building bridges to neighbouring technology fields

Approach

Language Users

Society

Research Communities

Industries

Multilingual Europe Technology Alliance

META will prepare the needed ambitious joint effort towards furthering language technologies as a means towards realising the vision of a Europe united as one single digital market and information space.

META-NET is supporting these goals by pursuing three lines of actions:

1. fostering a dynamic and influential community around a shared vision and strategic research agenda (META-VISION),

2. creating an open distributed facility for the sharing and exchange of resources (META-SHARE),

3. building bridges to relevant neighbouring technology fields.

Participate!

Selected Centres of Excellence in language technology research will be integrated as additional nodes of META-NET that both strengthen its competencies and expand its geographic and linguistic coverage.

To researchers, technologists, professionals and administrators developing, providing or using language technologies, META offers a unique opportunity to stay informed, contribute ideas or advocate on behalf of specific languages, while participating in expert discussions, working groups and planning activities that will shape Europe's linguistic future.

Research and technology development projects are invited to join META-SHARE to access a pool of language resources and technologies while helping to plan and validate META services.

Commercial enterprises are welcome to contribute their visions for products and services, to participate in META's planning process and to use META to grow profitable partnerships.

Schools and educators, journalists and the media, politicians, public institutions and organisations are encouraged to participate in open discussions of the vision of and way towards a truly multilingual information society.

YOUR VOICE IS IMPORTANT, just like the language in which you express yourself. In joining META, you'll be helping to shape the future of the European linguistic landscape.

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