

TRANSLATING FOR EUROPE FACTS AND FIGURES

2024

The Directorate-General for Translation (DGT) provides high-quality translations and other language services for the European Commission. It also offers a range of AI-based multilingual services available to EU institutions and eligible external users.

DGT's work includes:

- **translating** legislation, policy documents and communication with citizens in all 24 EU official languages (and others when required)
- **editing texts** produced by the Commission to make them clear, correct and concise
- developing and enhancing a range of multilingual **AI-based services** (eTranslation, eBriefing, eReply, etc.)
- defining new terms in the EU official languages and curating the content of EU's shared **terminology management system** (IATE)

DGT deals with **written texts**. Our interpreter colleagues in the Directorate-General for Interpretation (DG SCIC) deal with the spoken word.

Why does the Commission translate?

Translation helps EU citizens to enjoy their rights to the full. It also makes the EU more open, accountable and democratic, underpinning its legitimacy. This is all the more important for EU legislation, which must be available in all 24 official EU languages – so that it can be used, for example, in national courts of law and by national administrations, and so that EU citizens can understand what the EU does, regardless of the language they speak.

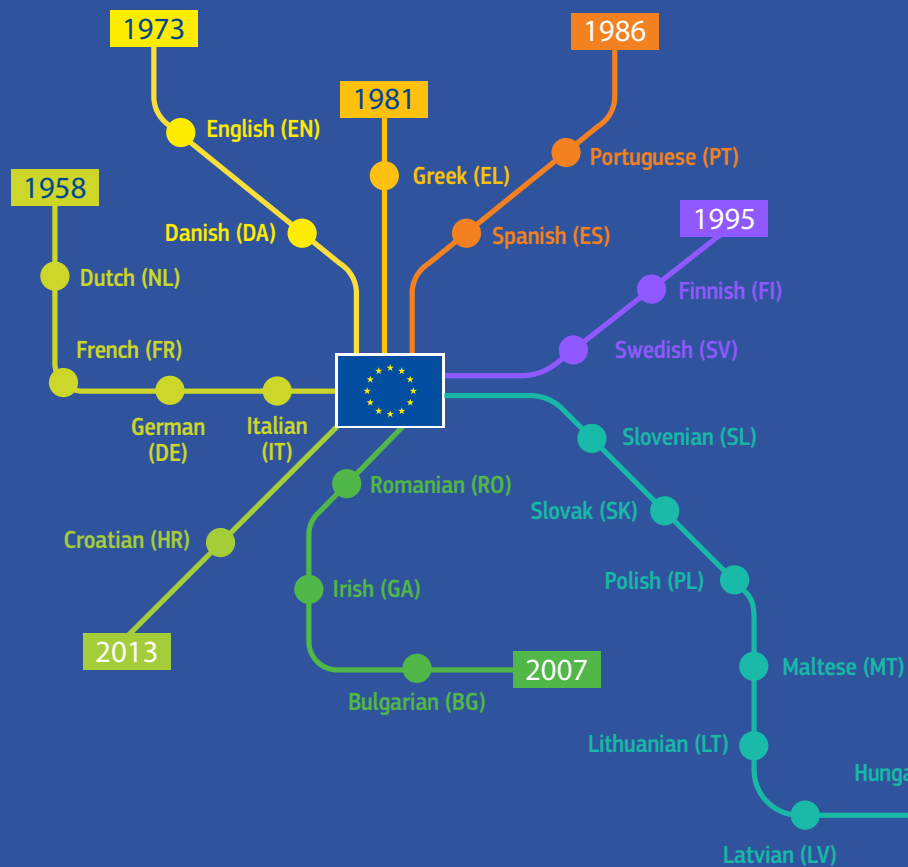
Legal basis

● Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

Citizens have a right to address all EU institutions or bodies in any of the EU's official languages, and to receive a reply in that language.

● Council Regulation No 1 of 1958

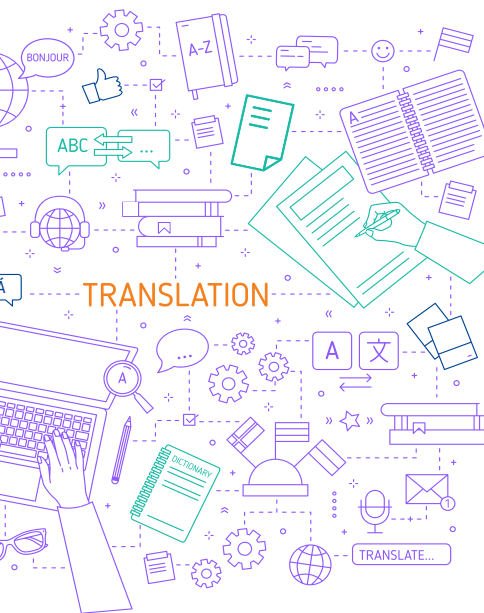
Regulations and other documents of general application ('EU law') shall be drafted in all the official languages.



Official EU languages over time

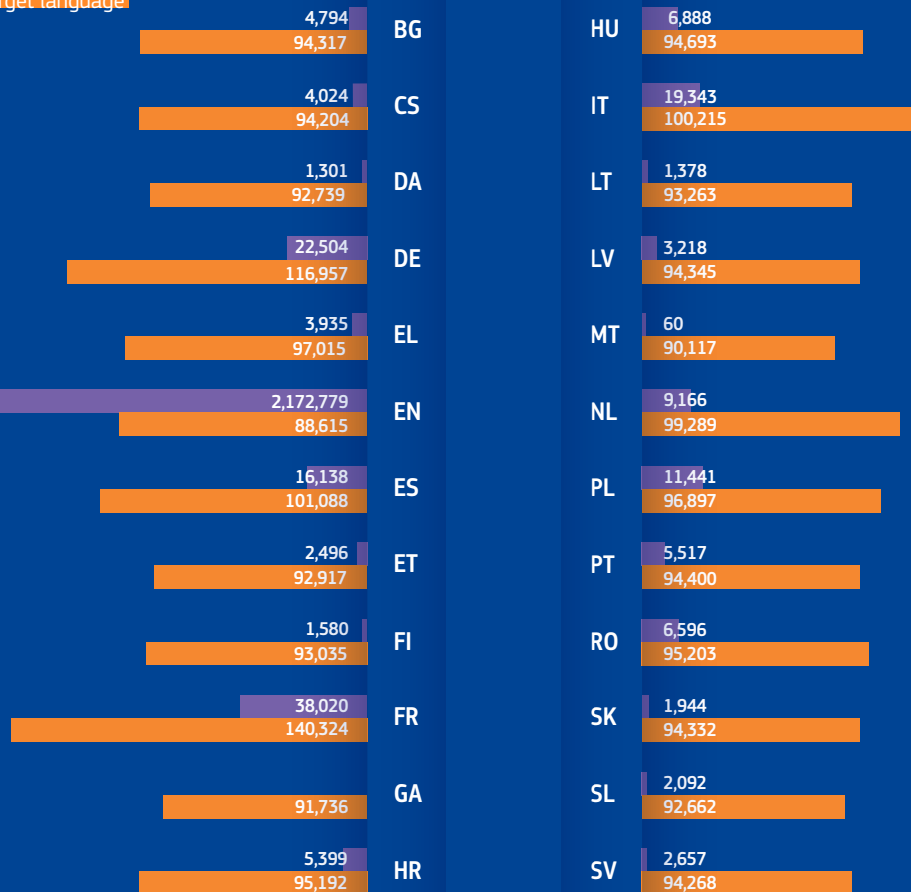
Pages produced by DGT
in 2024

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Source language

Target language

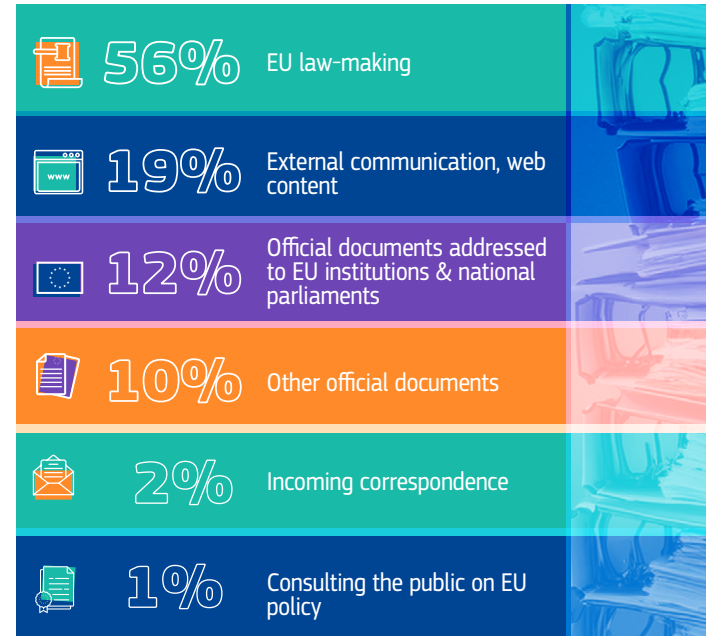


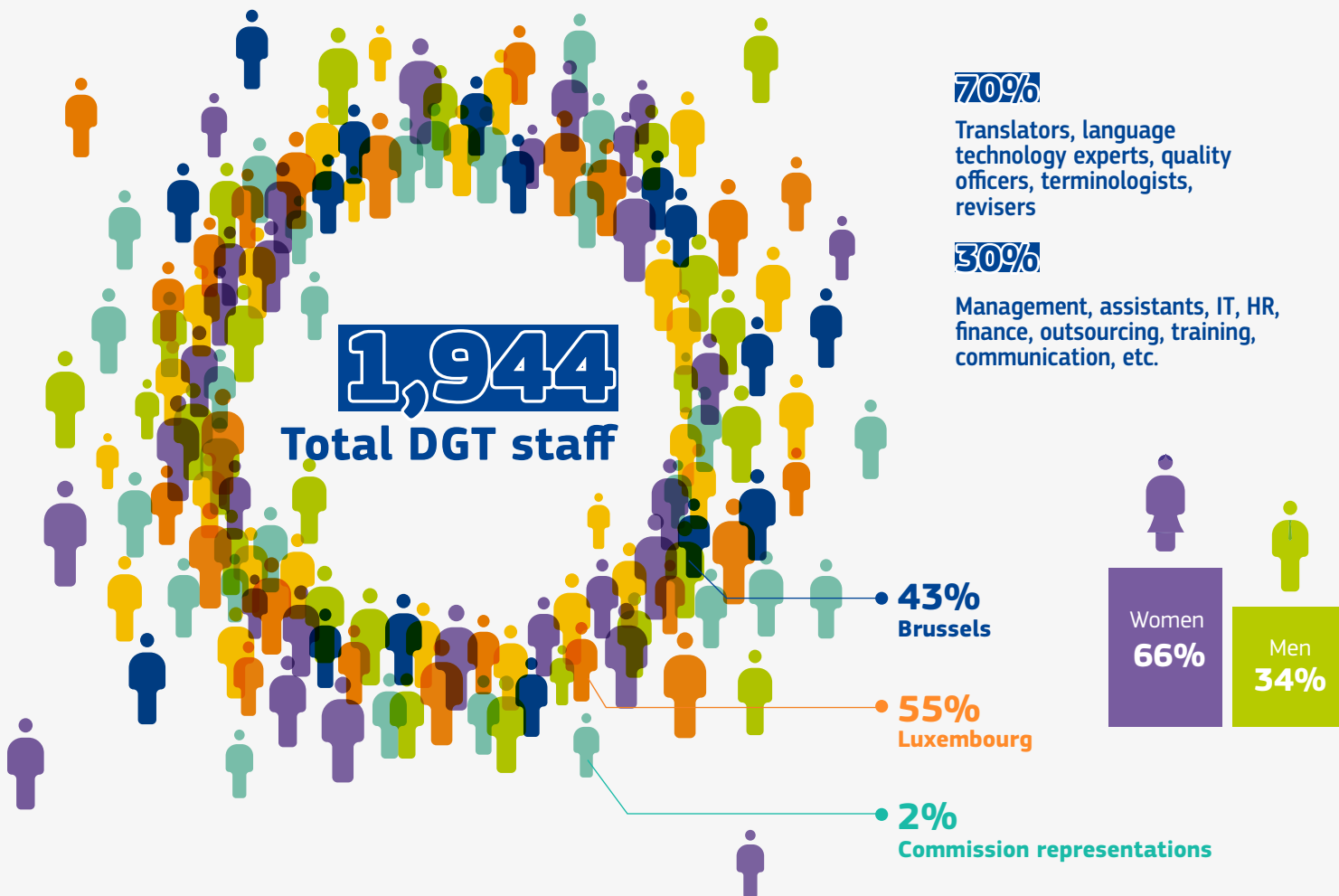
In 2024, DGT produced
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pages (including non-EU languages)



In 2024, DGT edited **34,281 pages**, mostly in English. This supports the European Commission's efforts **to communicate clearly.**

What does DGT translate?

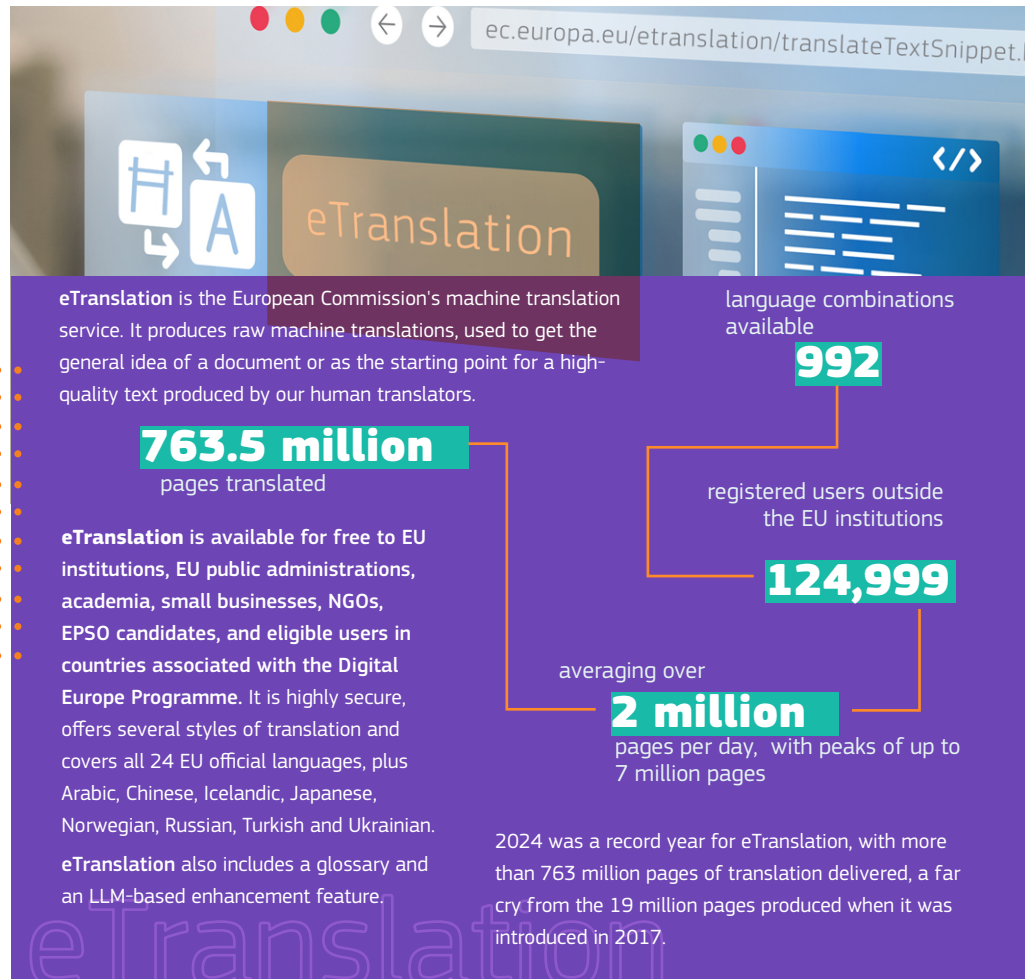




DGT translator's toolbox

DGT's translators make use of sophisticated tools, software and resources to ease their work and increase efficiency, accuracy and consistency. These include machine translation, databases of translation memories and terminology, workflow tools and quality checkers.

The terminology database IATE (Inter-Active Terminology for Europe), with **over 6.7 million terms**, is open to the public.



AI-based multilingual services

With over 20 years of translations stored in the interinstitutional archive and professional translators adding to it every day, DGT has a treasure trove of high-quality data. In addition, DGT has gained extensive experience in managing and working with language data and language models. DGT uses its data and experience to continue developing eTranslation and other secure AI-based multilingual services, with support from DG CONNECT.



eTranslation

Get an online machine translation of texts in common formats, or connect IT applications and websites to eTranslation to reach Europeans in their own languages.



eSummary

Get a quick overview of the content of internal documents or documents received from Member States, EU citizens, companies or any other organisation.



eBriefing

Get a quick first draft of a briefing, based on up to 10 input documents in any language. You can also access eBriefing directly from BASIS.



eReply

Get a draft reply to a formal request, plus a full analysis of the document (including requests for information, reports of potential EU law infringements, and written parliamentary questions).



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Get help to make your text clear and engaging for online audiences, enhance readability and structure content effectively for digital platforms. Available for English, French or German.



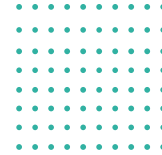
Accessible Text

Get your text rewritten to make it more readable and accessible for people with reading difficulties according to easy-to-read guidelines, using clear and comprehensible language. For English only.



Speech-to-text

Get a transcription of a video or sound file (e.g. to help transcribe meeting records), or subtitles for a video.



Promoting translation and multilingualism

- » [Juvenes Translatores](#) – a translation contest for 17-year-old school students
- » [European Master's in Translation \(EMT\)](#) – a network of master's programmes in translation, intended to improve the quality of training and help young graduates join the translation job market
- » [Translating Europe](#) – conferences and workshops bringing public- and private-sector players together
- » [European Day of Languages](#) – public events all over Europe to promote multilingualism
- » [Visiting Translator Scheme \(VTS\)](#) – DGT's translators visit universities, public institutions and private companies around the EU
- » Visits to DG Translation (virtual or in person)
- » [Clear Writing for Europe](#) – practical advice and online resources for authors

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Working for DGT as a translator or linguistic assistant

Translators translate political, legal, administrative and web texts – usually into their mother tongue. These texts are often complex and encompass all the EU's areas of activity (economic, financial, scientific, technical, etc.).

Linguistic assistants provide linguistic and administrative support. They contribute to an efficient workflow by processing, managing and following up on translation requests, registering all relevant documents and communicating with freelance translators.

You can work for DGT as:

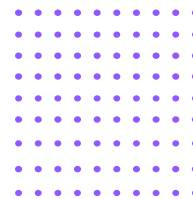
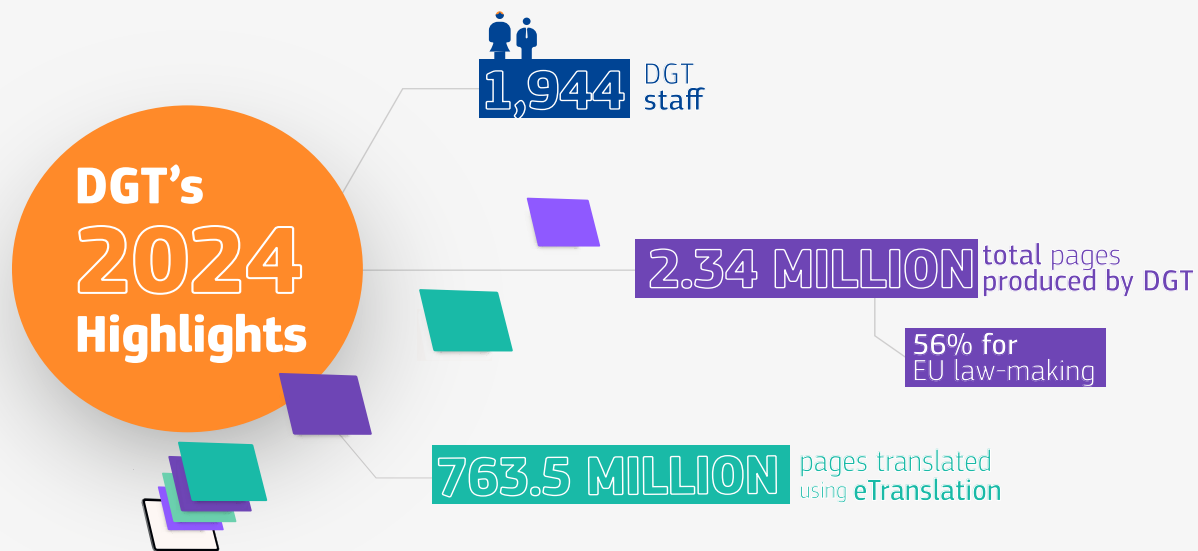
- » permanent staff
- » temporary staff
- » contract staff
- » a trainee

Requirements for translators

- » EU citizenship
- » Perfect command of your mother tongue or main language
- » Thorough knowledge of 2 or more official EU languages — at least 1 of which must be English, French or German
- » A university degree (min. 3 years) in any discipline
- » Key qualifications may vary, so always check the specific requirements whenever a recruitment procedure is published

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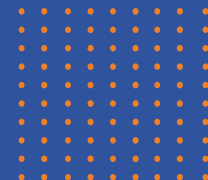
- » EU citizenship
- » Knowledge of at least 2 official EU languages
- » A post-secondary education diploma, or a secondary education diploma giving access to post-secondary education plus at least 3 years' relevant professional experience



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