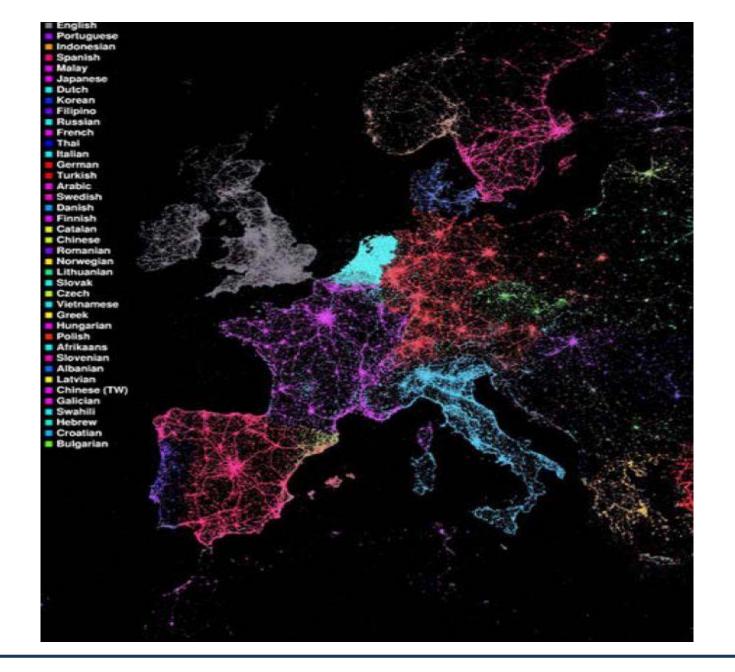




# **Workshop Aims & Objectives**

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# **Workshop Context**



- Europe is fundamentally multi-lingual
- 24 official EU languages + 2 more in CEF
- Languages are core to rich tapestry of European cultures and identities
- Multilinguality strongly supported by EU



#### **Context**



- Nobody speaks all languages
- Make sure languages do not create silos or invisible borders
- Restricting mobility of people, information, ideas, commerce
- No language discrimination but equal opportunities
- Languages as an asset, not a problem



## **Workshop Context**



- How?
- Translation!
- Extremely skilled profession

- A lot to translate ... in fact much too much
- Technology support
- Human translation supported by technology = Automated Translation (AT)



# **Workshop Context**



- Automated Translation at EC for many years ...
- Machine Translation at EC: MT@EC
- New CEF.AT is special
- Focus on citizens, public services, administrations, ministries, translation services, NGOs, CEF ...
- = focus on you and on us!
- CEF.AT is free!



#### **Context**



- CEF.AT: focus on you
- We have to adapt MT to best support your needs



#### **Data**



- Modern MT is all about data
- Learns to translate from human translations = data
- To best support your needs we need the best data
- Your data = the best data for MT for you
- Your data = the best data for CEF.AT
- Without the right data it won't work!



# **ELRC Objectives**



- Establish a permanent Language Resource Coordination mechanism
  - that will feed the CEF Automated Translation DSI with relevant Language Resources
  - in all official languages of the EU and CEF Associated countries
  - in order to improve the quality, coverage and performance of automated translation systems and solutions
  - in the context of current and future CEF digital services



## **ELRC Principles**



- LR Coordination Workshops in all CEF countries
- No parachuting in, no imposing anything ...
- Resource identification and collection
- Local ownership and responsibility
- In each country working with national experts
  - National Anchor Points (NAP):
    - Technology NAP: Svetla Koeva (IBL-BAS)
    - Public Sector NAP: Hristina Dobreva (Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications)
  - Local DGT offices: Svetlana Yurukova, DG Translation, Sofia Office
- Objective: share data for the best results for your needs and your language



## **Workshop Objectives**



- Raise awareness
  - on the value and importance of data held by public services in overcoming language barriers
- Engage you and your institutions
  - In the identification and sharing of data for CEF.AT
- Help with legal and technical issues
  - associated with the collection and/or provision of data by public service administrations
- Share data for the best results for your needs and your language
  - With European Commission
  - Open data to strengthen your language in the Digital Age
- Promote CEF.AT services that can be useful for you



# Agenda (1)



Time	Topic and speaker
09:30–10:00	Europe and Multilingualism – Svetlana Yurukova (DGT, Sofia Office)
10:00–10:30	Language(s) and Language Technologies in Bulgaria— Svetla Koeva (IBL, Technology NAP)
10:30–11:00	Panel: Multilingual Public Services in Bulgaria— Moderator: Svetlana Yurukova (DGT), panelists: Anna Kardjeva (MTITC), Bogdan Mlachkov (Ministry of Justice), Svetla Marinova (SOFITA), Slavi Paskalev (National Revenue Agency), Pavlinka Kovacheva (Maritime Administration)
11:00–11:30	Coffee break
11:30–12:00	How Automated Translation (AT) Works – Svetla Koeva (IBL)
12:00–12:30	How Can Public Institutions Benefit from CEF.AT? – Spyros Pilos (EC)
12:30–13:30	Lunch



# Agenda (2)



Time	Topic and speaker
13:30–14:00	What Data Is Needed? – Svetla Koeva (IBL)
14:00–14:30	Legal Framework for Contributing Data – Zeneta Rogova (MTITC), The Bulgarian Open Data Portal - Nusa Ivanova (Council of Administrative Reform)
14:30–15:00	Panel: Data and Language Resources in Bulgaria: Where to Look for What – Moderator: Stoyan Mihov (IICT), panelists: Annie Rusinova (National Revenue Agency), Veselin Petrov (Ciela Norma), Kalina Tsakova (National Institute of Justice), Ramona Stoyanova (SOFITA), Sia Kolkovska (IBL)
15:00–15:30	Coffee Break
15:30–16:00	Data and Language Resources: Technical Aspects and Best practices – Stelios Piperidis (ELRC)
16:00–16:30	How Can We Engage? – Hristina Dobreva (MTITC), Svetla Koeva (IBL), Iglika Karanikolova (Lozanova 48), Gabriela Mitova (MTITC), Lubomira Tochkova (Maritime Administration), Svetlana Yurukova (DGT)
16:30–17:00	<b>Wrap-up</b> – Svetla Koeva (IBL), Stelios Piperidis (ELRC), Svetlana Yurukova (DGT), Hristina Dobreva (MTITC)







# Supporting our languages is supporting Europe and supporting Europe is supporting our languages.