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# Preparing and sharing data with the ELRC-SHARE repository and what happens next


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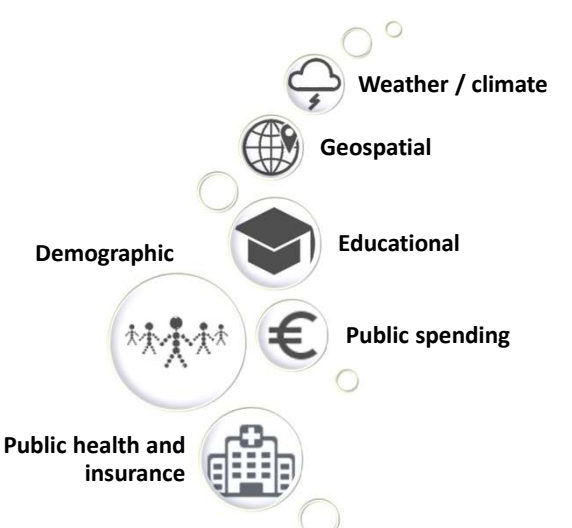
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## The notion of data



- Weather / climate
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- Educational
- Public spending
- Demographic
- Public health and insurance

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## The notion of data



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**Basic concepts:**

- **Data:** any piece of electronically stored content
- **Dataset (or resource):** the collection of one or many data files **grouped** according to certain **criteria**
- **Metadata:** *data about the data*, i.e. description of a dataset with properties (e.g. title, publisher, description of the content and URL)




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## The notion of language data



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**Data**

- any piece of electronically stored **content**


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**(Textual) Language Data**


- any piece of electronically stored **text**

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## The notion of data in the context of eTranslation



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English-Slovak parallel corpus of texts from The Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic


Dataset of various English-Slovak legal texts within agenda of the Ministry, plain text format aligned at the sentence level, the size: 105791 words

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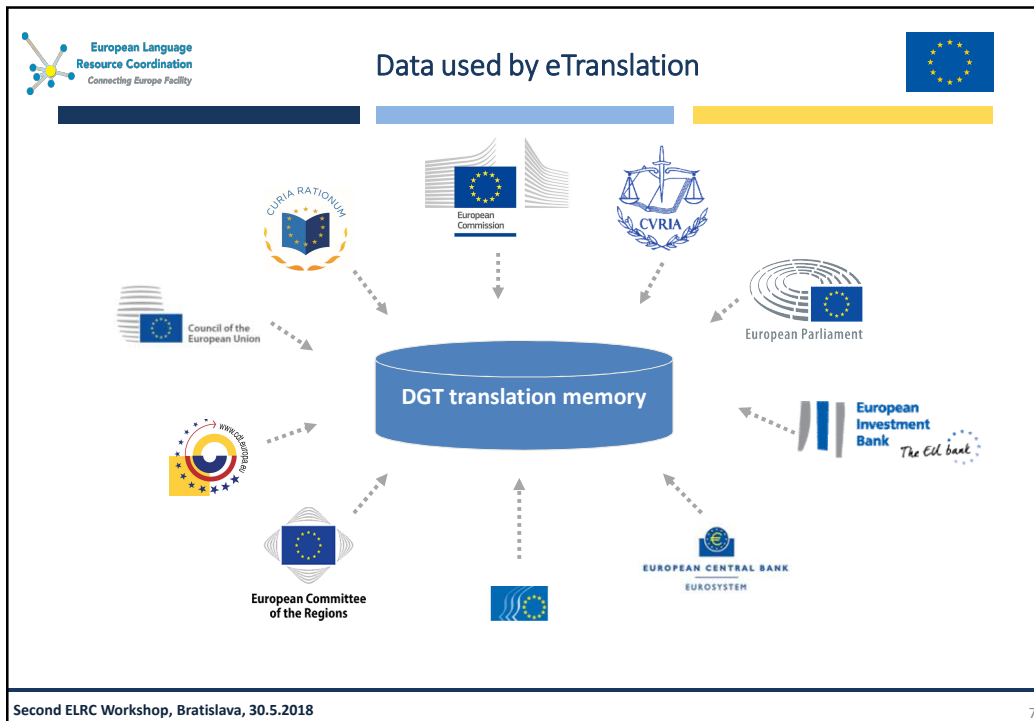
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This act regulates the status, mission, functions and activities of Radio and Television Slovakia, its bodies and the management of the resources and the financing of Radio and Television Slovakia.


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Such data are already available  
BUT  
they are not enough...

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## What does eTranslation need?




- Data residing in local public organisations, produced in-house or outsourced, e.g.
  - Reports
  - Communication
  - News
  - Web Content that is managed for several languages
  - Policies
  - Terminologies
  - Archives
  - Forms
  - FAQs

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## What data are useful for eTranslation as per type | 1



- Any **electronically stored text** in an EU language plus NO and IS
- **Texts and their translations** (i.e. parallel bilingual or multilingual)

**Slovak text**

Postavenie Rozhlasu a televízie Slovenska (1) Zriaďuje sa Rozhlas a televízia Slovenska ako verejnoprávna, národná, nezávislá, informačná, kultúrna a vzdelávacia inštitúcia, ktorá poskytuje službu verejnosti v oblasti rozhlasového vysielania a televízneho vysielania (ďalej len "vysielanie"). (2) Rozhlas a televízia Slovenska je právnická osoba so sídlom v Bratislave zapísaná v obchodnom registri, ktorá vykonáva svoju činnosť najmä prostredníctvom organizačných zložiek, ktorými sú a) Slovenský rozhlas, prostredníctvom ktorého sa poskytuje služba verejnosti v oblasti rozhlasového vysielania, b) Slovenská televízia, prostredníctvom ktorej sa poskytuje služba verejnosti v oblasti televízneho vysielania.

**Translation in English**

(1) Radio and Television Slovakia is hereby established as a public-legal, national, independent, information-providing, cultural and educational institution, which provides services to the public in the area of radio broadcasting and television broadcasting (hereinafter "the broadcasting"). (2) Radio and Television Slovakia is a legal entity with its headquarters in Bratislava which is registered in the Companies Register and performs activities mainly through the following organizational units: a) Slovak Radio, through which it provides services to the public in the area of radio broadcasting, b) Slovak Television, through which it provides public services in the area of television broadcasting.

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## What data are useful for eTranslation as per type | 2

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- List of terms and their translations, i.e. a **terminology**

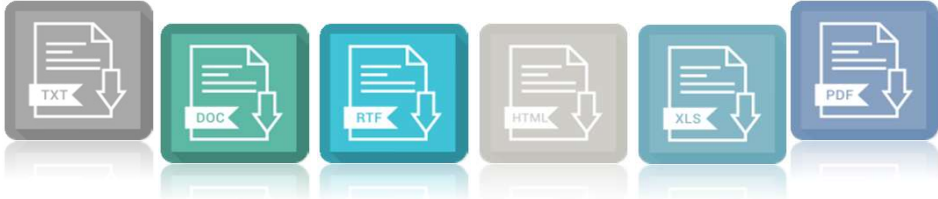
Slovak	English
Demografické procesy	<i>Population processes</i>
Demografický vývoj	Demographic development
Migrácia, sťahovanie	Migration
Rozmiestnenie obyvateľstva	Spatial distribution
Hustota obyvateľstva	Population density
Demografická analýza	Demographic analysis, population analysis
Transverzálna analýza, prierezová analýza	Cross-sectional analysis, current analysis
Longitudinálna analýza, kohortná analýza	Cohort analysis, longitudinal analysis
Kohorta	Cohort
Generácia	Generation
...	...

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## What data are useful for eTranslation as per format | 1

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- In principle, any text in machine readable format
- But, some formats are more “MT-ready” than others, i.e. they require less manual or automatic processing
- More processing introduces more errors in the final output, making it less useful for eTranslation

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## File formats for parallel texts



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ΕΦΗΜΕΡΙΣ ΤΗΣ ΚΥΒΕΡΝΗΣΕΩΣ (ΤΕΥΧΟΣ ΠΡΩΤΟ)

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**United Nations Convention against Corruption**

**Preamble**

*The States Parties to this Convention,*

*Concerned about the seriousness of problems and threats posed by corruption to the stability and security of societies, undermining the institutions and values of democracy, ethical values and justice and jeopardizing sustainable development and the rule of law,*

*Concerned also about the links between corruption and other forms of crime, in particular organized crime and economic crime, including money-laundering,*


*Concerned further about cases of corruption that involve vast quantities of assets, which may constitute a substantial proportion of the resources of States, and that threaten the political stability and sustainable development of those States,*

*Convinced that corruption is no longer a local matter but a transnational phenomenon that affects all societies and economies, making international cooperation to prevent and control it essential,*


*Convinced also that a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach is required to prevent and combat corruption effectively*

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## What data are useful for eTranslation as per format | 2



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- The following formats are particularly useful (in descending order):
  - For bilingual/multilingual parallel texts
    1. Translation memories (.tmx)
    2. XML translation files (.xliff)
    3. Plain text (.txt, .csv)
    4. Spreadsheets (e.g. xlsx)
  - For terminologies
    1. TermBase eXchange (.tbx)
    2. Plain text (.txt, .csv)
    3. Spreadsheets (e.g. xlsx)
  - For monolingual texts
    1. Plain text (.txt, .csv)

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## Preparing your data | 2



Don'ts


8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
1 2 3 4 5 6 7

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## Preparing your data | 3



Don'ts


paragraph
styles


1 2 3 4 5 6 7
8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15


English	slovenský
<p>This is a paragraph in English. This is a paragraph in English. This is a paragraph in English. This is a paragraph in English. This is a paragraph in English. This is a paragraph in English. This is a paragraph in English. This is a paragraph in English. This is a paragraph in English. ¶</p> <p>A second paragraph in English. A second paragraph in English. A second paragraph in English. A second paragraph in English. A second paragraph in English. A second paragraph in English. ¶</p>	<p>Toto je slovenský preklad odseku vľavo. Toto je slovenský preklad odseku vľavo. Toto je slovenský preklad odseku vľavo. Toto je slovenský preklad odseku vľavo. Toto je slovenský preklad odseku vľavo. Toto je slovenský preklad odseku vľavo. Toto je slovenský preklad odseku vľavo. ¶</p> <p>Slovenski prevod drugega odstavka. Slovenski prevod drugega odstavka. Slovenski prevod drugega odstavka. Slovenski prevod drugega odstavka. ¶</p>

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Preparing your data | 4



 **Do's**

Name

- filename01\_EN.txt
- filename01\_SK.txt
- filename02\_EN.txt
- filename02\_SK.txt
- filename03\_EN.txt
- filename03\_SK.txt
- filename04\_EN.txt
- filename04\_SK.txt
- filename05\_EN.txt
- filename05\_SK.txt
- filename06\_EN.txt
- filename06\_SK.txt
- filename07\_EN.txt
- filename07\_SK.txt
- filename08\_EN.txt
- filename08\_SK.txt
- filename09\_EN.txt
- filename09\_SK.txt
- filename10\_EN.txt
- filename10\_SK.txt


Use **identical filenames** for each document pair (source – translation)


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 **Do's**

- filename01\_EN.txt
- filename01\_SK.txt
- filename02\_EN.txt
- filename02\_SK.txt
- filename03\_EN.txt
- filename03\_SK.txt
- filename04\_EN.txt
- filename04\_SK.txt
- filename05\_EN.txt
- filename05\_SK.txt
- filename06\_EN.txt
- filename06\_SK.txt


Include **language identifiers** in the filename


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## Preparing your data | 5





Do's

Όνομα	Αρχείο επεξεργασίας κειμένου			
Όνομα	English	Bulgarian	French	Greek
τεκστ.txt	text.txt	текст.txt	texte.txt	κειμενο.txt
Μετάφραση αναφοράς.txt	report.txt	report in Bulgarian.txt	traduction française.txt	Μετάφραση αναφοράς.txt
κειμενο.txt				
traduction française.txt				
texte.txt				
text.txt				
report.txt				
report in Bulgarian.txt				
README.txt				

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## Criteria for grouping your data




- Remember: a dataset is a collection of data **grouped according to certain criteria**
- For the purpose of enhancing and adapting CEF eTranslation, two criteria are critical:
  - **Language(s)**: each collection is defined by the language or language pairs of its data, e.g.
    - Collection of texts in *English – German*
    - Documents in *English – Norwegian - Finnish*
  - **Domain**: each collection ideally belongs to a single domain, e.g.
    - Collection of texts in *English – German in the culture domain*
    - *Social security* documents in *English – Norwegian - Finnish*

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## Preferred domains



- Administrative/regulatory domain and
- Topics relevant to the CEF DSIs

CEF DSI	Domain
Online Dispute Resolution	Consumers' rights, complaints
Electronic Exchange of Social Security Information	Social security, insurance
eProcurement	Public procurement, contractual agreements
European e-Justice Portal	Justice, Law
eHealth	Health, Medicine
Business Registers Interconnection System	Business, market
Safer Internet	
Cybersecurity	
Public Open Data	
Europeana	Culture

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## How to contribute your data to CEF eTranslation

### A step-by-step guide

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## To ELRC-SHARE



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- At the ELRC portal click on the “Language resource submission” button

Or

- Type in the url address:

elrc-share.eu

### What are Language Resources?

The term language resources refers to sets of language data and descriptions in machine readable form, including written and spoken corpora, grammars, and terminology databases. Language resources can be used to build, improve, or evaluate natural language systems such as machine translation engines.

To develop the automated translation systems for the CEF Automated Translation platform, the ELRC initiative aims to gather language resources in all official languages of EU. The initiative seeks large general-domain corpora, whether monolingual (e.g. official corpora of national languages) or multilingual, as well as domain-specific language resources in the fields of consumer rights, culture, legal domain, social security, health, public procurement, etc.

[Read more about what language resources are needed](#)

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### How to contribute?

Any contributor may submit Language Resources to us at any exploitation stage: simple internet links to websites (Sources), raw data, or fully-packaged data (Language Resources).

Click below if you can indicate a potential source for relevant data

Data sources submission ▶

Click below if you are a language resource owner and are willing to share it for the purposes of CEF-AT

Language resource submission ▶

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## ELRC-SHARE repository



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### ELRC-SHARE Repository


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How to Contribute Data




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**Register**

- Register
- Activate account

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**Contribute Data**

- Login
- Describe
- Upload


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How to Register (1/2)




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 **Register**

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Type in your keywords, please...


Welcome to the ELRC-SHARE repository!

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## How to Contribute Data (2/6)



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- Fill in the details of the dataset

**Resource Title\***

The name by which the resource is already known or by which you would like it to be known, e.g. "The GSRT bilingual corpus of Greek-English bulletins"


**Resource short description\***

A short description, including any information considered useful about the resource, e.g. whether it's a dataset (collection of documents) or a lexicon, glossary, terminological resource, etc., its size, language(s), classification information (e.g. health reports, news bulletins, lexicon of sports terminology etc.)


**Language(s)**   
 Danish  
 Dutch, Flemish  
 English  
 Estonian  
 Finnish  
 French  
 German  
 Hungarian

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## How to Contribute Data (3/6)



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- Three modes for contributing your data

**Contribution Mode\***

Upload ZIP archive

Provide URL of resources

eDelivery (Generate XML file to attach to your eDelivery contribution)

Please select the way you wish to contribute your data. Uploading a ZIP archive is recommended.

**Upload Resource\***

No file chosen


Please upload a **.zip file** up to 100MB.

In case the **.zip file** file you wish to upload is larger than 100MB, please contact [elrc-share@iisp.gr](mailto:elrc-share@iisp.gr)


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## How to create a .zip file




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- Free file compression tools (indicative):
  - 7zip
  - PeaZip
  - Hamster Free Zip Archiver
  - Universal Extractor
  - ZipItFree
- Windows embedded compression functionality

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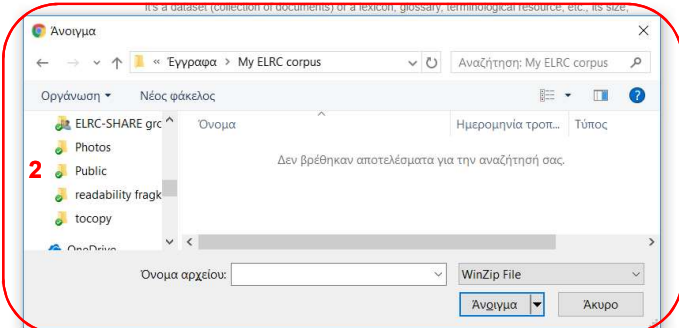
## How to Contribute Data (4/6)



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1. Click on Choose file
2. Locate your resource in your hard disk
3. Click on Submit

A short description, including any information considered useful about the resource, e.g. whether it's a dataset (collection of documents) or a lexicon, glossary, terminological resource, etc., its size.




Upload Resource 1 Choose File No file chosen  
Please upload a .zip file up to 100MB.  
In case the .zip file you wish to upload is larger than 100MB, please contact elrc-share@lisp.gr


3 Submit Reset

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## How to Contribute Data (5/6)



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- Alternatively indicate a url (directory listing)

Language(s)\*

The language(s) of the resource; for resources with multiple languages, hold down CTRL key to select multiple values


Contribution Mode\*  Upload ZIP archive  
 Provide URL of resources  
Please select the way you wish to contribute your data. Uploading a ZIP archive is recommended.

Resource URL\*


Please provide a URL containing the files you wish to contribute

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## How to Contribute Data (6/6)



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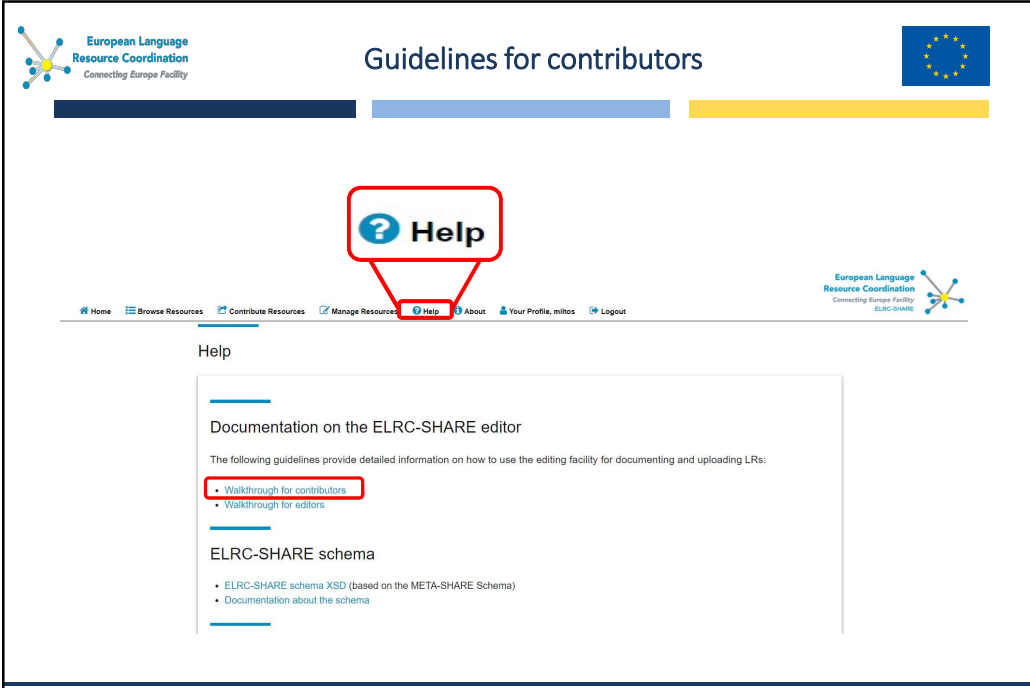
- Repeat the process if you want to contribute another resource, or log out



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## Guidelines for contributors

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### Help

Documentation on the ELRC-SHARE editor

The following guidelines provide detailed information on how to use the editing facility for documenting and uploading LRs:

- **Walkthrough for contributors**
- Walkthrough for editors

### ELRC-SHARE schema

- ELRC-SHARE schema XSD (based on the META-SHARE Schema)
- Documentation about the schema

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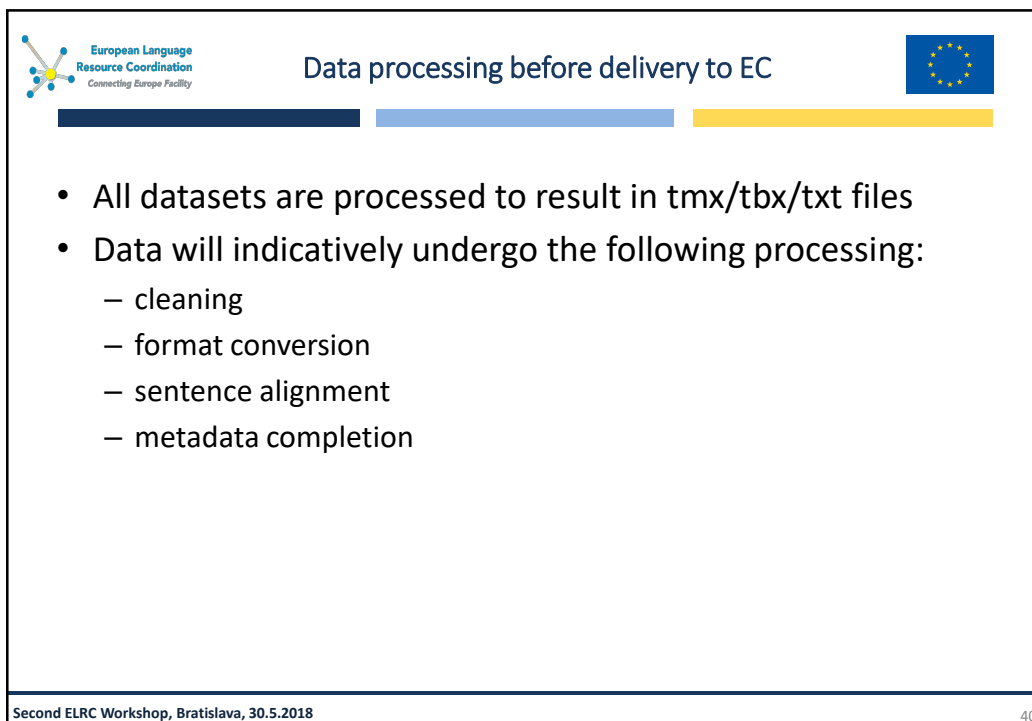
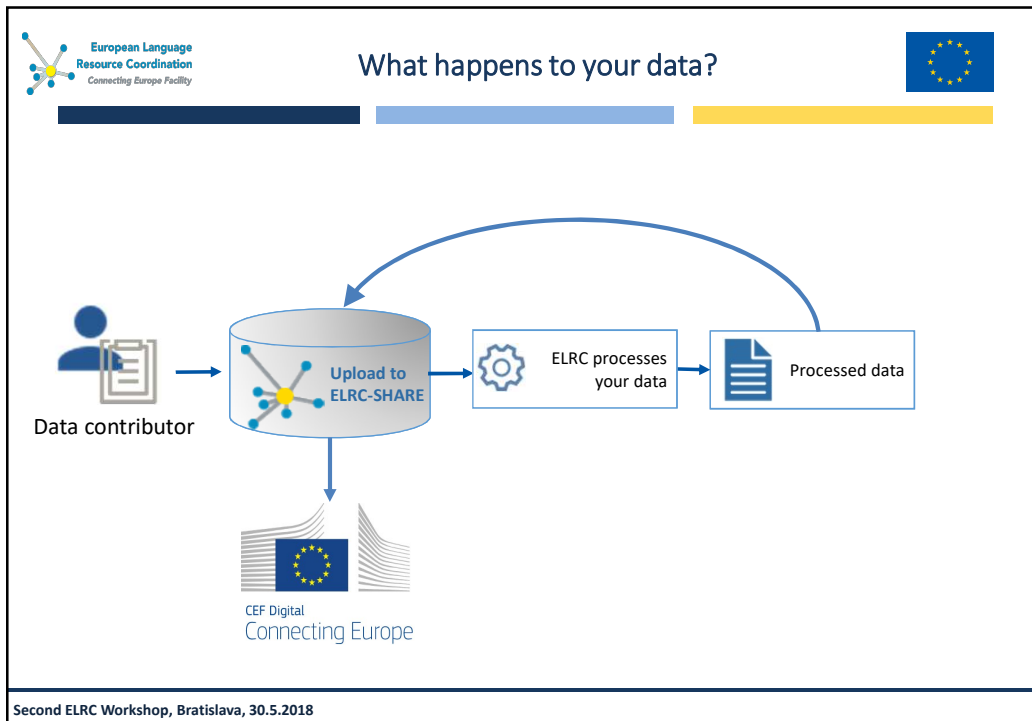



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**All these services can also be offered on-site to  
all data contributors free of charge**




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**Our team of experts will travel  
directly to assist you  
at your own offices**

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**Assistance will be provided in close cooperation  
with a broad network of language experts**



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**We will fix your data issues and return the  
processed data directly to you. We can also help  
to improve your data management processes.  
Just ask!**

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## Language processing services on-site

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**Data extraction**

If your data is trapped in archives and databases, we can help extract it




**Anonymisation**

Does your data contain private info? We can help to anonymise



**Cleaning**



If your data is messy (i.e., lots of noise), we will clean it up



**Re-formatting**


Need to re-format DOCX to XML, or PDF to WORD? Let us do it for you!

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## Language processing services

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**Data conversion**

If your data isn't converted to the proper formats, we can help convert it




**Tag removal**

Does your data contain unneeded tags? We can assist in removing them!



**Alignment**

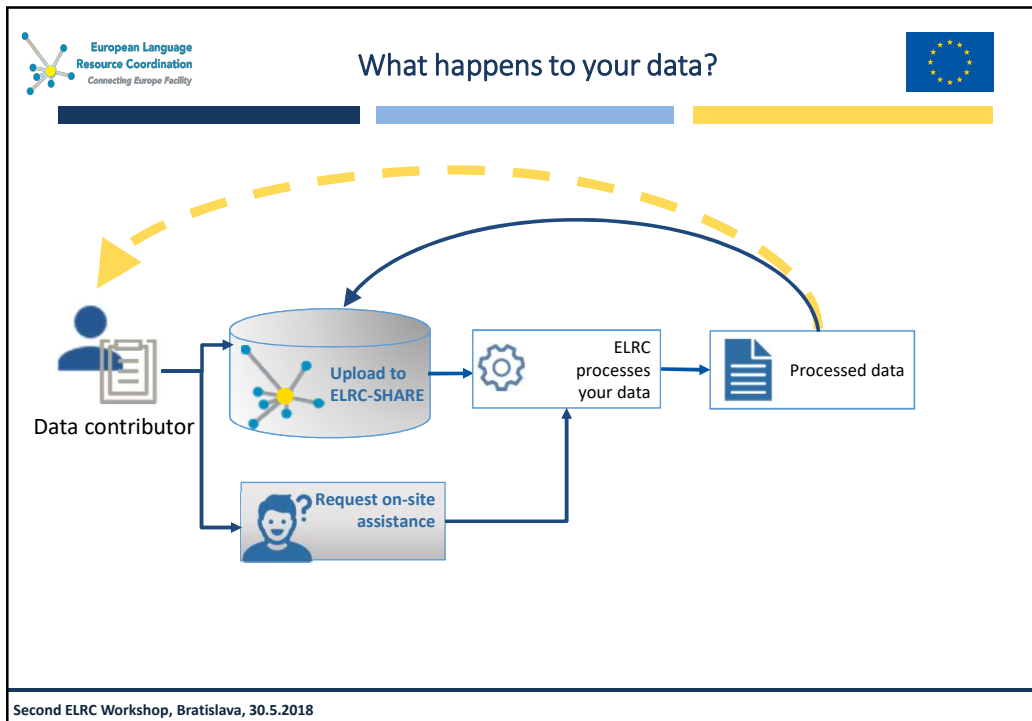
Translations aren't aligned? We'll do it for you with our tools!



**Metadata**

Metadata are crucial! We can organise and validate metadata for your team

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# How to request services and help


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## ELRC onsite assistance



Submit a request for on-site assistance by filling out the form below. See a list of services [here](#).

**First name \***

**Last name \***

**Institution \***

**Country \***

**Email \***

**Types of assistance required \***

- Legal assistance
- Data processing
- Anonymisation
- Other

**Description of assistance required**

[Ir-coordination.eu/request-onsite-assistance](http://Ir-coordination.eu/request-onsite-assistance)

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### Helpdesk for Language Resources

**Helpdesk for Language Resources**

We are happy to answer any questions on the technical or legal aspects related to the use, production, collection, processing, and sharing of language resources.

Please feel free to contact us through one of the following channels:

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# Case studies (2015-2016)

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## Spain



**Problem:** Data provider didn't store translations as related documents, therefore source/target translation weren't paired


**Solution:** ELRC helped crawl a local system to find, related, and pair source/target translations



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## Spain




**Problem:** In some Spanish governmental departments, archives were only available in PDF


**Solution:** ELRC helped provide good converters to get usable documents



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## Germany



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**Problem:** Data owner needed help with anonymization, as databases contained personal info. Another need: cleaning up 'junk' data (URLs, numbers, fragments)

**Solution:** ELRC helped provide anonymization services and data cleaning




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## Estonia



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**Problem:** Data donor found that legal acts in EN, ET, RU couldn't be aligned on a document level (no common machine-readable cross-language ID)

**Solution:** ELRC helped provide alignment services for documents



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