
Unlock the Power of Multilingual Connectivity with WEB-T!

Already under the Connecting Europe Facility, the European Commission had built several applications starting from its automated translation service eTranslation (https://commission.europa.eu/resources-partners/etranslation_en). These developments have been reinforced under the DIGITAL Europe Programme (https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/activities/digital-programme), resulting in more applications, which are now available through the full suite of eLangTech (https://language-tools.ec.europa.eu/). In addition to machine translation, the portal currently includes text summarisation, speech-to-text, anonymisation support and named-entity recognition.

Through these multilingual language tools, the European Commission helps:

· national and European public administrations, when they need to deal with multiple languages;
· small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), so that they can compete fairly and innovate in today’s digital environment.

It also reinforces:

· the EU’s commitment against misinformation and disinformation;
· cultural and linguistic diversity in the EU.

The most recent addition is WEB-T (https://code.europa.eu/web-t) – the multilingual automated translation solution, developed under the 2022 DIGITAL Language Technology Solutions call for tenders (https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=10631). The benefits of the solution include:

· making more website content multilingual in Europe: WEB-T facilitates the uptake of European machine translation services for websites provided by SMEs, NGOs, public administrations and academia across the EU;
- **providing easy-to-use plugins**: the European developers behind WEB-T have created a set of user-friendly open-source automated website translation solutions in form of plugins compatible with various content management systems;

- **offering flexibility**: with WEB-T, limited access to eTranslation will be offered by default, but the user can easily opt for different European machine translation services;

- **creating business opportunities for Europe**: WEB-T will spark European machine translation service providers’ interest, given that these solutions are open source and can be highly customised to make business.

While WEB-T is a new development, it leverages on the European Commission experience in website translation. Various EU institution websites – including those of the Commission and the European Economic and Social Committee – seamlessly integrate eTranslation. Users can select any of the EU official languages, trigger eTranslation and access content according to their preferences.

WEB-T does not only build on this expertise; it also addresses specific market needs, which DG CNECT identified in a recent [SME survey on multilingual websites](https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/report-sme-survey-multilingual-websites). This makes it an effective solution, catering for a diversified demand in the European digital landscape.

WEB-T is now available to all eligible eTranslation users at the [WEB-T GitLab repository](https://code.europa.eu/web-t). More technical information as well as connection details are also available there.

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