

Diversity of languages in the EU

Did you know?



The EU has 24 official languages.

Every time new members join the EU, they add to the number of official languages.

German, French and English have the higher status of “procedural languages”.



The EU is a **multilingual entity**. Languages spoken in EU countries are an essential part of its cultural heritage.



Translation costs of European Commission account for 0,2 % of EU budget.

Approximately 2 million pages are translated in a year.



Use of languages in EU institutions

- The European Commission uses English, French, and German as procedural languages.
- MEPs can address the European Parliament in any of the 24 official languages.
- In the European Court of Justice, French is the official procedural language.