Connecting Europe Facility
setting the scene

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G1: Converging Media and Content
G2: Creativity

G3: Data Value Chain

G4: Inclusion, Skills and Youth
G5: Administration and Finance
What we do

Unit CNECT.G3 – Data Value Chain mandate

- Funding agency for Multilingual Big Data & Open Data: research, innovation, deployment
- Regulation, policy, legislation on Open Data (PSI Directive)
- Data value chain strategy, public-private partnership (cPPP)
Towards a virtuous cycle of data
Digital Single Market strategy

A Digital Single Market can create up to €340 billion in additional growth, hundreds of thousands of new jobs, and a vibrant knowledge-based society.

- Digital public sector is part of the DSM strategy

*Detailed DSM strategy will be issued by VP Ansip on 6 May*
What is Connecting Europe Facility?

- established by **REGULATION (EU) No 1316/2013 of 11 December 2013**
- common financing instrument of trans-European networks for the period 2014-2020
- projects of common interest in the sectors of transport, telecommunications and energy
- deployment programme
- **CEF Telecom Guidelines** cover the specific objectives and priorities as well as eligibility criteria for funding envisaged for the telecommunications sector

- **CEF Telecommunications / Telecom = CEF Digital + Broadband**
What is CEF Telecom?

- **Deployment programme for digital service infrastructures and high-speed broadband networks**
- **Enabler of the public services pillar of the DSM strategy**
- **Budget of 1.14 BEUR**
  - **970 MEUR** for Digital Service Infrastructures (DSIs) delivering networked cross-border services for citizens, businesses and public administrations
  - **170 MEUR** for Broadband activities
Why CEF Telecom?

- improve the competitiveness of the European economy
- promote the interconnection and interoperability of national, regional and local networks
- promote access to such networks, thus supporting the development of a Digital Single Market
Multilingual challenge of pan-European public services

- The European Digital Single Market is **multilingual**
- Pan-European public services address the whole EU
- No lingua franca among public administrations in Europe
- 90% of EU web users prefer to use their own language in online services
- **Human translation** is **too expensive** and **too slow** with the intended text volumes
- Human translation is **not a solution** in all use scenarios
- Available online translators have **gaps in language coverage** and are **not secure**

→ multilingual support is needed
The solution is CEF Automated Translation platform

CEF.AT will make European public online services multilingual
...by deploying mature language technologies in a secure platform

Goal
→ To make public digital services equally usable by all EU users, irrespective of their working language and language skills
→ To facilitate cross-border information exchange in public administration
CEF.AT an opportunity for LT community

- CEF is a deployment programme of mature technologies
- Significant EC investment in LT in R&I programmes since 2007
- Important "ingredients" for CEF.AT: MT toolkit Moses, META-SHARE language resources, MT domain adapted pilots, standards and workflows for language processing, tools for terminology work ...
- Time has come to put the results of R&I actions in **visible** use at **European level**!
- **Unique opportunity** for European LT community to show that LT can deliver **effective multilingual support to public online services**
CEF.AT an opportunity for Member States

- **CEF.AT** is at the core of creating effective *pan-European* online public services
- Technology underlying CEF.AT needs linguistic data (language resources) in EU languages
- Member States should **take ownership** of their own language and make sure their language is adequately supported in CEF.AT
- This event is about launching the **networking** to get Member States involved and obtain the relevant "language resources"
Thank you!