

# Terminology for translation at the Council of the EU

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# The basics

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## **Why terminology?**

- Increases quality (precision = unambiguous communication)
- Increases productivity

## **What kind of terminology ?**

- Terminology for translation:
  - Multilingual
  - Multi-domain
  - Problem-solving

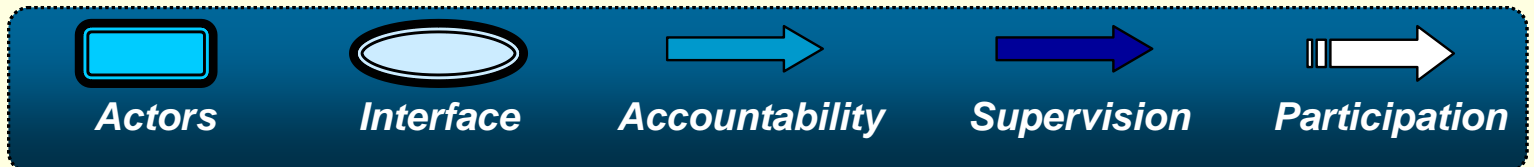
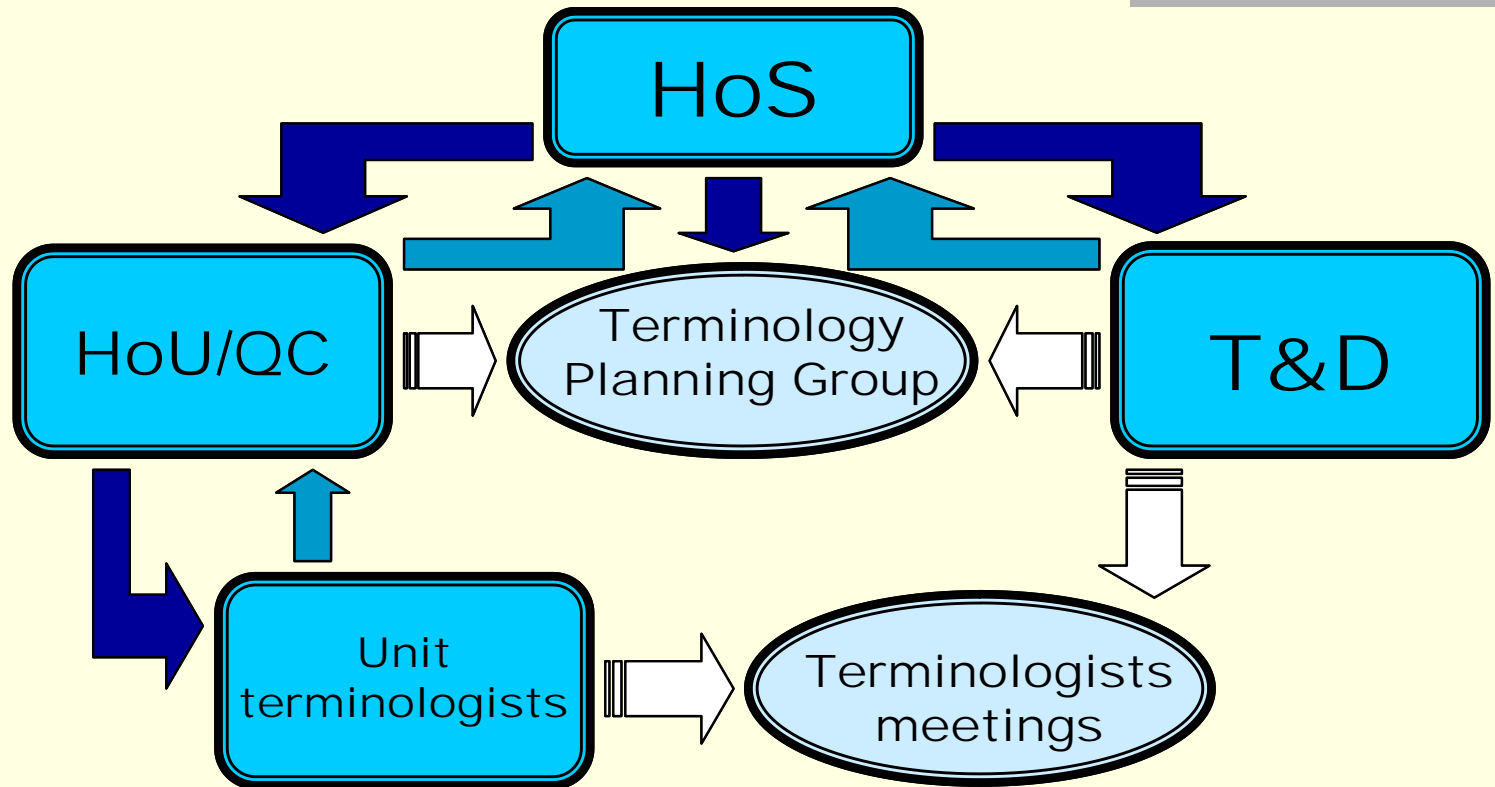
# How much/what terminology work?

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## ■ **New Framework for Terminology Work:**

- Minimum criteria for translation units:
  - helpdesk at all times
  - contact with other actors (lawyer linguists, drafters, ...)
  - minimum of 5% of unit staff time dedicated to terminology
  - involve as many translators as possible
  - appropriate training for terminologists
- Better planning:
  - Terminology Planning Group
  - Functional Groups

# Terminology Planning Group



# What terminology work ?

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- Consolidation = merging, completing or deleting existing entries
- Complete existing entries in as many languages as possible (23 official languages)
- Pro-active terminology

# Terminology and Documentation (T&D)

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Terminology Coordinators



Terminologist



Rota terminologists  
(on secondment from language units)



Assistants

# What we do

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## ■ In T&D (central level)

- Serve as helpdesk
- Monitor new entries
- Coordinate everyday work
- Liaise with other institutions
- Planning (priorities)
- Consolidation projects (creation, update, clean-up)
- Proactive terminology

## ■ In the language units

- Unit helpdesk
- Terminology research
- Creation, update and validation
- Liaise with central terminology

## Consolidation project - credit rating agency - 088-09 (REV)

Follow-up table for Council:

BG	CS	DA	DE	EL	EN	ES	ET	FI	FR	GA	HU	IT	LT	LV	MT	NL	PL	PT	RO	SK	SL	SV
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Follow-up table for other institutions:

BG	CS	DA	DE	EL	EN	ES	ET	FI	FR	GA	HU	IT	LT	LV	MT	NL	PL	PT	RO	SK	SL	SV

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T&D Coordinator	Anna	Deadline for comments	n/a
Marks on primaries	Primary. credit rating agency. 088-09	Final version sent out	30.11.2009
Marks on secondaries	Proposed for deletion. credit rating agency. 088-09	Copy to Library sent out (if relevant)	
Why this project	Proactive or priority domain: Planning Group priority A.2	Final deadline	26.2.2010
		REV version sent out	12.5.2010
		Final deadline for REV	1.6.2010

### BACKGROUND, REFERENCES, DEFINITIONS, ETC:

The following project is based on Regulation (EC) No 1060/2009 on credit rating agencies, which was published in the OJ on 17 November 2009 (CELEX:32009R1060).

Credit rating agencies are private firms that offer opinions about the creditworthiness of borrowers / issuers of debt instruments in the financial markets. For investors (lenders), credit rating agencies increase the range of investment alternatives and provide independent, easy-to-use measurements of relative credit risk. For issuers (borrowers), credit ratings make it cheaper for them to borrow (the higher an issuer's credit rating, the less the risk to the investor of the issuer defaulting on repayment and hence the lower the rate of interest the issuer has to pay).

#### External credit assessment institutions

Article 1(3) of the Regulation says that a credit rating agency has to apply for registration under the Regulation "as a condition for being recognised as an External Credit Assessment Institution (ECAI) in accordance with Part 2 of Annex VI to Directive 2006/48/EC" (the Capital Requirements Directive).

A small but subtle distinction should therefore be drawn between "credit rating agency" and "External Credit Assessment Institution", the latter being a credit rating agency or other competent body (e.g. Bank of France) whose ratings, or assessments, can be used specifically as a reference for determining the credit quality of bank exposures in the context of minimum capital requirements and the calculation of own funds (see Articles 74 through 83 and Annex VI, Parts 1 and 2, of Directive 2006/48/EC relating to the taking up and pursuit of the business of credit institutions (32006L0048))



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1	COU	856324	en	credit rating agency; CRA / <i>agence de notation de crédit; agence de notation</i>	24 finance	bg cs da de el en es et fi fr ga hu it lt lv mt nl pl pt ro sk sl sv	CELEX: 32009R1060  Credit rating agencies are private firms that offer opinions about the creditworthiness of borrowers / issuers of debt instruments in the financial markets.	update as necessary	primary
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9	COM	1048866		nationally recognized statistical rating organisation; NRSRO	1631003 statistics; 24 finance	en mt sk		no need to update in your language	primary for EN information purposes only
10	EP	247745		NRSRO		en		delete in view of 1048866	

# Problems & errors

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*National vs. EU*

*Concept vs. term*

*Extractional approach vs. conceptual approach*

*Technical terms vs. political jargon*

*Neologism vs. existing terms*

*Which experts to consult ?*

*Not take into account needs of end-users*

*Subsidiarity and complementarity*

*Prioritize*

*Cooperation between TSCs*