

KCI Virtual Café on European Day of Languages
26 September 2024
Programme

Celebrating the 20th anniversary of the 2004 EU enlargement

15:00 Opening by the moderators:

- **Benjamin Heyden**, Directorate-General for Translation, European Commission
- **Daniel Pashley**, Directorate-General for Interpretation, European Commission

15:05 Welcome and introduction:

- **Christos Ellinides**, Director-General, Directorate-General for Translation, European Commission
- **Genoveva Ruiz Calavera**, Director-General, Directorate-General for Interpretation, European Commission

15:15 Testimonials:

- **2004: a new beginning for the EU and for me**
Katarina Skacaniova, DG Interpretation, European Commission
- **It started with a letter: my Hungarian adventure**
Anne Deforge, DG Translation, European Commission

15:30 Panel discussion: *Welcoming new languages for a new exciting journey*

Moderator: **Benjamin Heyden** and **Daniel Pashley**

Panel members:

- **Carlos Alegria**, former Director of Resources, Deputy Director-General and Honorary Director-General, DG interpretation, European Commission
- **Valda Liepina**, former Head of Unit in Latvian department and Head of Unit in English language department, DG Translation, European Commission
- **Mari Vihuri**, Adviser of the Verbatim Records and Translation Department, Chancellery of the Riigikogu, Estonia
- **Ildikó Horváth**, Director, Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union, previously at ELTE University, Budapest
- **Milan Damjanoski**, Professor, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, North Macedonia

Q&A with the audience

16:20 Slido quiz

16:35 2024 Eurobarometer on Europeans and their languages: Interesting facts about enlargement languages

- **Anna Solé Mena**, Senior Expert, Multilingualism policy, Directorate-General for education, youth, sport and culture, European Commission

16:45 Conclusions by the moderators