



THE FORUM FOR EUROPE'S LANGUAGE TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY

Press Release

LANGUAGE TECHNOLOGIES WIN RECOGNITION AS AN INDISPENSABLE BUILDING BLOCK OF THE EUROPEAN DIGITAL SINGLE MARKET

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LT-Innovate, the Forum for Europe's Language Technology Industry, organises the 2ND LT-INNOVATE SUMMIT on 26 - 27 June 2013 at the EU Thon Hotel in Brussels (75, rue de la Loi).

The yearly LT-Innovate Summit aims at gathering Language Technology suppliers, buyers, researchers, investors and policy makers.

Jochen Hummel, Chairman of LT-Innovate and CEO of ESTeam, declares himself pleased with progress made since last year's Summit:

"Last year, we had to remind European leaders that language technologies are of strategic importance in a multilingual continent. There is no way we can become leaders in the 'knowledge society' if we do not master the very technologies that are at the heart of searching, analysing, enriching, translating and communicating seamlessly the zettabytes of data that are currently floating through the global networks. This year, we can proudly state that the European Commission listened to the LT community and included language technologies as a core component of the next generation of infrastructures into which it is planning to invest. Let us face the facts: there will be no European Digital Single Market without Language Technologies! If there is one core technology for Europe to invest in as a matter of absolute priority - privately and publicly - it is Language Technology!"

The Summit will be attended by more than 200 Language Technology stakeholders. Philippe Wacker, LT-Innovate Secretary General explains:

"Around LTI's core membership of LT vendor companies, represented by more than 50 company CEOs, we have assembled representatives of organisations that have important language technology needs, from such diverse areas as publishing, tourism, healthcare, petrochemicals, automotive, IT software, European governmental bodies, etc. We are putting emphasis on developing a dialogue with these big LT users to ascertain their needs and to put our members in a position to respond to language-related challenges across many industrial, cultural and societal sectors of activity".

The Summit will culminate in the celebration of the LT-Innovate 2013 Award Winners, the most innovative LT companies of the year.

So far, 30 companies have been shortlisted for the Award. They will present their products and solutions at the Summit and a jury of experts will designate the 12 winners on 27 June.

The 30 nominees are:

[Actonomy](#), [Cedat 85](#), [ConceptStrings](#), [Crystal Semantics](#), [DAEDALUS](#), [Dictanova](#), [digiTAAL](#), [iFinger](#), [Imooty.eu](#), [Inbenta](#), [Joyrite](#), [K Dictionaries](#), [Langapp](#), [Lexical Computing](#), [MarkTheGlobe](#), [Morena inzenjering](#), [MorphoLogic](#), [Palex Group](#), [Pythagoria](#), [Sernelots](#), [Skawa Innovation](#), [Syllabs](#), [SYSTRAN](#), [Textcase](#), [Traborma Informatics Technologies R&D Industry Co.](#), [Trepapel](#), [Verpura](#), [Viclone](#), [Videodossier, S.L.](#), [Wordbee](#)

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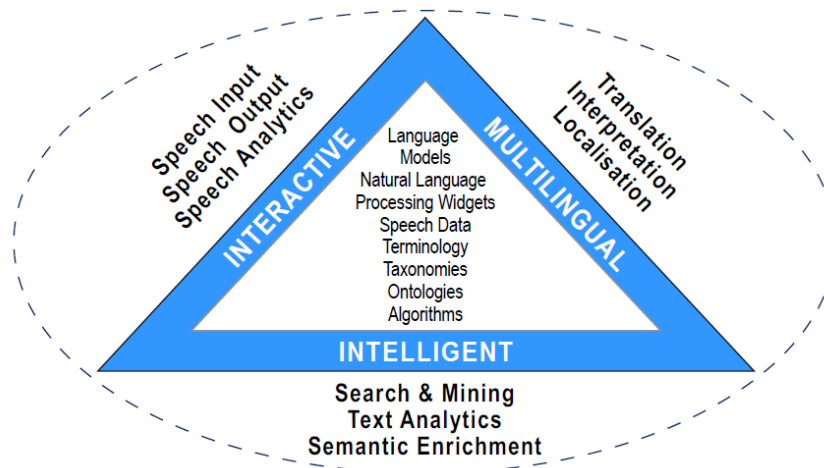
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Background information

What are Language Technologies (LT)?

LT is the branch of information technology that allows data and content to be multilingual, intelligent and interactive. It can roughly be split into three segments as shown below:



LT Innovate – The Forum of Europe’s Language Technology Industry

LT-Innovate represents companies, mostly SMEs, involved in developing products using intelligent content, speech and translation technologies. LT-Innovate was founded in January 2012. As of June 2013, it gathers 160 LT suppliers in 25 countries, as well as several dozens of other LT stakeholders. The European Language Technology industry generated an aggregate turnover of 19.3 bn € in 2011. LT is a very dynamic industry, with a yearly growth rate in excess of 10%.

LT-Innovate provides is a collaborative forum through which members can:

- Stay informed about news, views and developments affecting the industry;
- Gain access to market intelligence;
- Engage in discussions with relevant partners;
- Pursue opportunities and solve problems through collaborative action;
- Provide collective feedback to policy makers at national and European level to shape future policies and programmes.