



The Alliance for Language Technologies (ALT-EDIC)

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The ALT-EDIC in a nutshell

A **E**uropean **D**igital **I**nfrastructure **C**onsortium
that supports the **language technology** ecosystem and
contributes to preserve linguistic diversity and cultural richness

Technological context

- In the last 3 years, Large Language Models (LLMs) have enabled the creation of chatbots with **impressive dialogue capabilities**
 - ChatGPT, Copilot, Gemini, Claude, Grok, DeepSeek, Qwen, Le Chat, etc.
 - Chatbots have become the prototypical example of Artificial Intelligence
- This **builds on decades of technological progress**
 - ELIZA (first chatbot in 1966), IBM Watson (Jeopardy! winner in 2011), etc.
 - Steadily increasing computing power and storage capabilities, enabling to process the huge amounts of information available on the internet
 - Advanced machine learning techniques (e.g. attention models / transformers)
- The domain continues to evolve very quickly, **but still open issues**
 - Current systems still make errors, including obvious ones
 - They may be affected by linguistic and cultural biases
 - Their energy consumption raises sustainability issues
 - More and more models to choose from, but no widely acknowledged selection criteria

Economic and institutional context

- There is a need to support the market transformation
 - Need for enhanced **availability of high-quality data**
 - Need for more **objective and comparative evaluation**
- These types of activities (data creation and evaluation organisation) **require dedicated public services** to meet the demand
- They require both **language-specific skills** and a **language-independent infrastructure**
- The EDIC scheme introduced in December 2022 by the Digital Decade Policy Programme 2030 (DDPP) offers a **flexible framework** for setting up common digital infrastructures

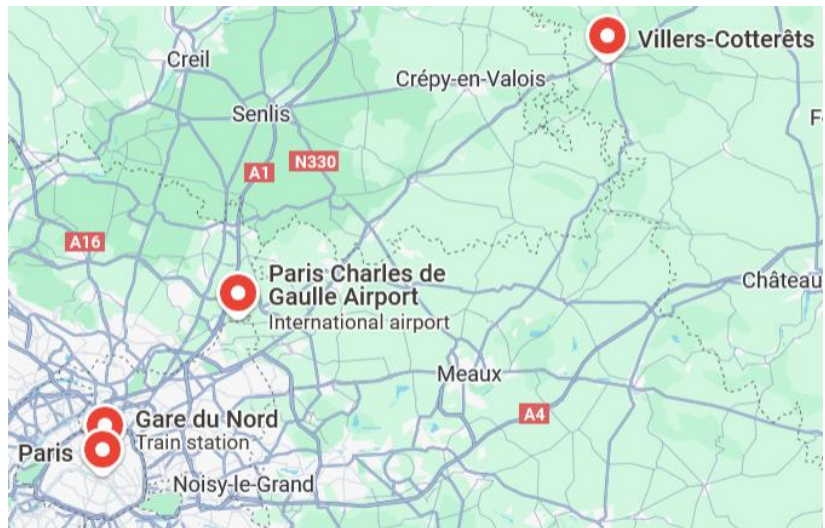
Development timeline

- The Alliance for Language Technologies is one of the first EDICs, proposed by 10 Member States in Dec 2023 and **created by a Commission Decision on 7 February 2024**
 - International organisation with legal personality in each of the EU Member States
- Director in office since January 2025
- 4 EU projects started between January and September 2025 (among which 3 as coordinator)
- Recruitment of the core team under way (10 permanent staff as of May 2026, **~20 persons foreseen in 2027**)

Offices

Statutory seat in Villers-Cotterêts


- Renaissance castle refurbished and inaugurated in 2023
- 1h by train from Paris Gare du Nord, 45' by car from Paris Charles De Gaulle airport

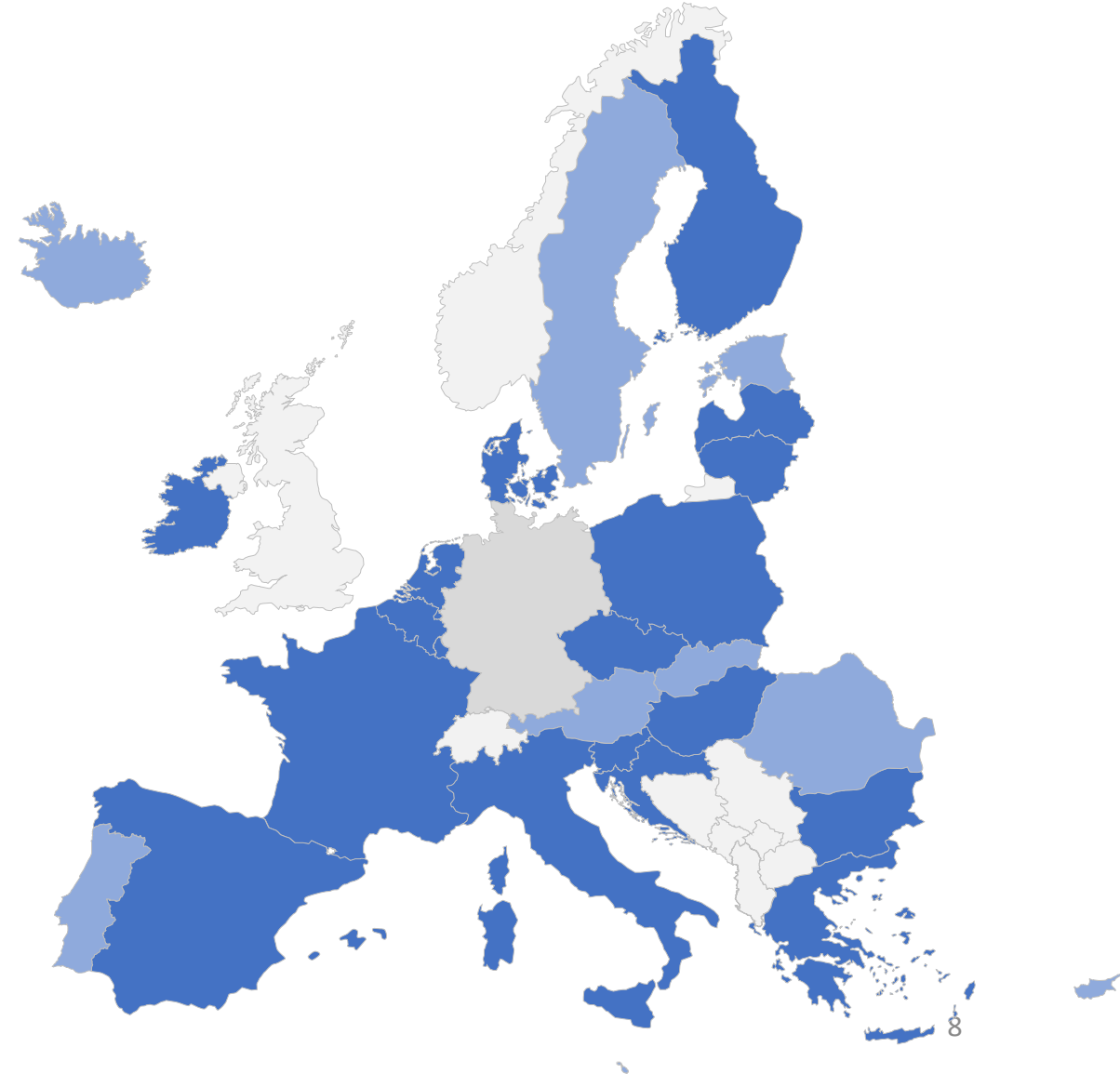


Members

27 member and observer states
(as of May 2026)

 Members: (Belgium/)Flanders, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia, Spain

 Observers: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Iceland, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden






Benefits for members

- The Assembly of Members is the ALT-EDIC supreme governing body
 - Appoints, suspends or dismiss the Director
 - Adopts and approves annual strategy documents
- Member interests constitute strategic priorities regarding
 - Language coverage
 - Use cases and data against which objective evaluations are conducted
 - Partner involvement in the activities and projects
 - Event locations



Members pool resources to better support
their language technology ecosystem

Key objectives

-  Preserving linguistic and cultural diversity in Europe
-  Promoting technological excellence and leadership
-  Meeting the challenges of major language models such as:
 - Controlling cultural and linguistic biases
 - Frugality (data, computing resources, energy...)
 - Explainability
 - Adaptability



Main actions



Federate and strengthen
the linguistic **data**
production



Contribute to the
development of **evaluation**,
certification and normalisation



Support the
development of large
language **models**





Facilitate the **adaptation**
of existing models to
user needs



Provide **advice** to the LT
ecosystem, including the
administration and citizens

Priorities (1/2)

-  Technological leadership and strategic autonomy
 - Develop and deploy language models produced by EU actors, better control the use and sharing of data, and increase strategic autonomy
 - Build a robust infrastructure by leveraging data collection, objective evaluation, language models and the ecosystem
-  Respect European rules and values
 - Ensure the re-use of European data within the European Union and in accordance with its values: Compliance with EU regulations and values such as GDPR, PSI Directive, data or AI regulations
 - Promoting ethical and responsible development of language technologies

Priorities (2/2)

Cooperation

- Ensure cooperation between the EC, member states and private and public sector stakeholders

Awareness raising

- Promoting a better understanding and ownership of language technologies and their challenges in the EU for industry and the European citizen

Linguistic diversity

- Stimulate the development of technologies for all national and regional languages, giving priority to languages with fewer resources
- Ensuring the preservation of languages
- Providing all EEA citizens with technologies available in their language, in line with the EU vision on multilingualism

Ongoing projects

| T0 | Acronym | Title | Main objective | Duration | Total budget / EU max contribution | ALT-EDIC share / grant | FSTP calls foreseen |
|------------|-------------|--|--|----------|------------------------------------|------------------------|--|
| 01/01/2025 | ALT-EDIC4EU | Alliance for Language Technologies for the European Union | Support the ALT-EDIC construction and consolidation phase | 4 years | 4.0 M€ / 4.0 M€ | 2.3 M€ / 2.3 M€ | Unlocking and repurposing datasets, incl. compliance work |
| 01/02/2025 | OpenEuroLLM | Open European Family of Large Language Models | Develop open-source foundation models | 3 years | 37.5 M€ / 20.7 M€ | 1.3 M€ / 0.65 M€ | |
| 01/03/2025 | LLMs4EU | Large Language Models for the European Union | Develop LLMs for 5 application domains (science, public services, tourism, telecom, energy) | 3 years | 40.0 M€ / 20.0 M€ | 5.8 M€ / 2.9 M€ | Production of data and testing / integration of services / tools |
| 01/09/2025 | LLM-BRIDGE | LLM Booster for Regional Innovation and Digital Growth in Europe | Accompany the ecosystem and in particular startups in their adoption of LLMs | 3 years | 6.8 M€ / 3.4 M€ | 1.2 M€ / 0.6 M€ | Support to incubators and startups |
| | | | | Total: | 88.3 M€ / 48.1 M€ | 10.6 M€ / 6.45 M€ | |

Industry participation in projects

- LLMs4EU
 - Developments are driven by concrete use cases
 - Almost half of the consortium partners are enterprises
- LLM-BRIDGE
 - The project addresses startups through three programmes
 - Entrepreneurial education
 - Venture incubation
 - Acceleration



ALT-EDIC Industrial Consortium

- Open to **enterprises and business support organisations** with an interest in Language Technologies and established in the European Economic Area (EEA)
- **Provides guidance on Language Technologies (LT) development priorities** for the ALT-EDIC and elects representatives in the Strategic Orientation Committee, which shall adopt annual or multi-annual strategic orientations
- Offers a **forum to foster collaborations and to elaborate proposals for new projects** on LT, in particular projects involving shared data and comparative evaluations



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Next steps

- Further team growth – Recruitment ongoing
- Ramp-up of the technical activities
- Industrial consortium kick-off
- FSTP call opening
- and more...





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