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## Common European Language Data Space The LDS Workshop in Czechia

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<https://language-data-space.ec.europa.eu>

# Automatic transcription and translation (ELITR.EU results)

Speech to text translation into 40 languages



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**Unleashing the potential of data – for EU businesses and citizens**

# Context: Language Technologies, Artificial Intelligence and (Large) Language Models

- Language Technologies (LT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) need language data
- Large Language Models (LLMs) lead now the AI race, needing vast amounts of language data to train them
- Europe's languages are largely under-resourced, except English
- A concerted effort for the collection of enormous amounts of language data for all European languages is very much needed
  - Plus evaluation data for multilingual, culturally-aware applications and AI Act compliance



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# **LDS and the Digital Europe Programme**

# LDS and Digital Europe Programme

- The LDS builds upon initiatives like the European Language Resource Coordination (ELRC), the European Language Grid (ELG) and European Language Equality (ELE) projects
- LDS' long-term sustainability: the ALT-EDIC
  - ALT-EDIC established 2024, Czechia is member since May 2024
- Funding possibilities
  - Mainly through the application- and industry-oriented Digital Europe Programme
  - First calls closed in May 2024
    - CSA already signed into a project: ALT-EDIC4EU (coordinated by ALT-EDIC)
    - Two technical projects shall follow soon (~40 mil. EUR each, 50-75% EU contribution):
      - One for building multilingual LLMs (followup to HPLT, TrustLLM and other current projects) – under negotiation
      - One for building applications over multilingual LLMs (under review)



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# **Workshop Programme**

- 2 Dec 2024, 09:00 - 09:30 (CET)** ○ Registration  
Conference and Social Center "House for Professed"
- 09:30 - 09:45 (CET)** ○ Welcome  
**Jan Hajič**, Charles University (LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ & ÚFAL MFF UK)
- 09:45 - 10:00 (CET)** ○ Public Support for Language Science and Technology  
**Nad'a Dřizga**, MŠMT
- 10:00 - 10:15 (CET)** ○ Welcome by the European Commission  
**Philippe Gelin**, DG CONNECT, European Commission
- 10:15 - 10:45 (CET)** ○ Common European Language Data Space: Developing a market for language data and services and benefitting from a joint European effort  
**Katrin Marheinecke**, DFKI GmbH
- 10:45 - 11:15 (CET)** ○ Coffee break





- 11:15 - 11:30 (CET)** ○ The role of data in the Conversational AI  
Jan Cuřín, MAMA AI
- 11:30 - 12:30 (CET)** ○ Panel session: Language Data and Language Technologies in Czechia and for Czech  
Jan Hajič, Charles University (moderator)  
Jan Cuřín, MAMA AI  
Aleš Tamchyna, Phrase  
Nad'a Dřizga, MŠMT  
Veronika Krejčířová, Seznam.cz  
Jirka Hana, Geneea  
Petr Schwarz, Phonexia
- 12:30 - 13:30 (CET)** ○ Lunch break
- 13:30 - 14:00 (CET)** ○ Keynote: Utilising Language Data at an AI-driven Localisation Technology Company  
Aleš Tamchyna, Phrase
- 14:00 - 14:45 (CET)** ○ Panel session: Language Data production, management and market development  
Jan Hajič, Charles University (moderator)  
Jan Cuřín, MAMA AI  
Aleš Tamchyna, Phrase  
Veronika Krejčířová, Seznam.cz  
Jirka Hana, Geneea  
Petr Schwarz, Phonexia
- 14:45 - 15:00 (CET)** ○ Conclusions  
Jan Hajič, Charles University





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## **Practical Information:**

**Please share your feedback with us: *Evaluation form***

**Do you need a *Certificate of attendance?***



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[https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/LDS\\_WS1-CZ\\_Feedback](https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/LDS_WS1-CZ_Feedback)



**Thank you!**

**Enjoy the workshop!**



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