

# Alliance for Language Technologies (ALT-EDIC) Forum

Wednesday 17 June 2026

Cité internationale de la langue française (Château de Villers-Cotterêts)  
1 place Aristide Briand, 02600 Villers-Cotterêts, France



## Agenda

Participants are invited to join for **dinner on 16 June, 19h-21h**.

Location: [La Tulipe](#), 16 rue du Général Mangin, 02600 Villers-Cotterêts

Participation is free but subject to registration.

08:30	Registrations and welcome coffee	
10:00	Introduction	Welcome words – Paul Rondin, Director of the Cité internationale de la langue française
10:05		Introduction to the Forum and update on ALT-EDIC activities – Edouard Geoffrois, ALT-EDIC Director
10:20	Projects	EuroLLM and Beyond: Multilingual and Multimodal Foundations Models for Europe – André Martins, SARDINE lab
10:30		The OpenEuroLLM foundation models – Jan Hajič, Charles University
10:40		Fine-tuning and evaluation of large language models under the LLMs4EU project – Jose Manuel Gomez, Expert AI & María Velasco, ALT-EDIC
10:50		Supporting startups and incubators under the LLM-BRIDGE project – Alice Hříbalová, ALT-EDIC
11:00		GenAI4EU Central Hub: The European Hub for European Generative AI – Gabriel Castañé, AI Data and Robotics Association (ADRA)
11:10		ELEXAI: A European Lexicographic Infrastructure for Artificial Intelligence – Simon Krek, Jožef Stefan Institute (JSI)

11:20	<b>Coffee break</b>	
11:50	<b>Infrastructures</b>	Introduction to the session – María Velasco, ALT-EDIC
12:00		The CLARIN ERIC – Darja Fišer, CLARIN
12:10		The Big Data Value Association (BDVA) – Freek Bomhof, TNO
12:20		The European Language Data Space (LDS) – Philippe Gelin, European Commission
12:30		Towards a European LLM Arena – Simon Zilinskas, French Ministry of Culture & Edouard Geoffrois, ALT-EDIC
12:40		Evaluation of spoken language translation under IWSLT (International Workshop on Spoken Language Translation) – Luisa Bentivogli, FBK
12:50		AI Factory France – Stéphane Requena, GENCI (online)
13:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:30	<b>Policies</b>	Panel discussion on industry needs for LT infrastructures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victoria Arranz, Chief Technology Officer, Euskorpora</li> <li>• Stefan Leijnen, International Lead, AI Coalition 4 NL</li> <li>• Volker Steinbiss, Managing Director, AppTek</li> <li>• Tom Vanallemeersch, Head of R&amp;D, Crosslang</li> </ul>
15:10		The EU strategy on language technologies – Philippe Gelin, European Commission
15:20		Presentations on national strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DK – Casper Blum Frohn, Agency for Digital Government</li> <li>• FI – Anne Miettinen, Traficom</li> <li>• FR – Raphaël Duqué, Ministry of Economics and Finance (online)</li> <li>• IE – Brian Davis, ADAPT DCU</li> <li>• IS – Óttar Kolbeinsson Proppé, Almannarómur</li> <li>• NL – Corka Scheeringa, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy</li> <li>• PL – Maciej Piasecki, Wrocław University of Science and Technology &amp; Marek Kozłowski, National Information Processing Institute</li> </ul>
16:30	<b>Coffee break</b>	
17:00	<b>LT &amp; Culture</b>	Paul Petit, Deputy General Delegate for the French language and the languages of France, French Ministry of Culture
17:10		Panel discussion on LT & Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lorena Aldana, Head of External Relations and Advocacy, Europeana</li> <li>• Deirdre Ní Choistín, Director General, TG4</li> <li>• Isabelle Nyffenegger, Deputy Director, BNF</li> </ul>
17:50	<b>Conclusion</b>	Thibault Grouas, ALT-EDIC chair & Juan Martinez Samalea, ALT-EDIC vice-chair

<b>18:00</b>	<b>Reception</b>
<b>20:00</b>	<b>End of day</b>

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