

# Europe Day 2026



## Programme in the Schuman room (Berlaymont)

Interpretation into French, Dutch,  
German and English will be provided.

10:30-10:40

**Welcoming remarks (Spanish)**

Genoveva Ruiz Calavera  
Director General, DG Interpretation

10:40-10:50

**Can twins save the oceans? (French)**

Antoinette Legrand  
Head of Unit, DG Interpretation

10:50-11:00

**The girl who kept her eyes open (Czech)**

Kateřina Vlasáková  
Assistant, DG Justice and Consumers

11:00-11:10

**Evolution of translation tools and software &  
language jobs in the age of AI (English)**

Jessica Scire Scappuzzo, Lucia Galiero  
Trainees, DG Translation

11:10-11:20

**Why should you know how the EU works  
and what it does for you? (German)**

Astrid Brey  
Senior Expert, Publications Office of the European Union

11:20-11:30

**Your European home market (Italian)**

Salvatore D'Acunto  
Head of Unit, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

11:30-11:40

**Let's restore nature together! (French)**

Florian Claeys  
Policy Officer, DG Environment

11:40-11:50

**Pact for the Mediterranean: one sea,  
one pact, one future (Italian)**

Beatrice Grifoni  
Policy Officer, DG Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf

11:50-12:00

**Skills for space (Czech)**

Tomas Halaska  
Policy Coordinator, DG Defence Industry and Space

12:10-12:20

**Meet our trainees and discover their journey (English)**

Trainees, European Commission

12:20-12:30

**The impact of AI on language professions (Hungarian)**

Ágnes Farkas  
Head of Sector, DG Interpretation

12:30-12:40

**To say hello like Hercule Poirot (Estonian)**

Heidi Rannik  
Interpreter, DG Interpretation

12:40-12:50

**AI-powered language services for democratic engagement  
(Spanish)**

Arnaldo Mina, Ana Vilas Palma  
Trainees, DG Translation

12:50-13:00

**You're already digital; now let's learn how to use it well! (Czech)**

Jitka Drahotska  
Policy Assistant, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture

13:00-13:10

**Quiz (English)**

Thea Munier, Chiara Gambelli  
Trainees, DG Interpretation and DG Translation

13:10-13:20

**Multilingualism - an asset and a commitment (Bulgarian)**

Veneta Angelova  
Demand Management Assistant, DG Translation

13:20-13:30

**EC as guardian of the Treaties (Italian)**

Marta Miglietti  
Legal Officer, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

13:30-13:40

**Dismantling criminal networks - road to justice (Hungarian)**

Eszter Karoliny  
Head of Sector, European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation

13:50-14:00

**Sign language interpretation in the European Institutions  
(Italian)**

Emilia Podurriel  
Assistant, DG Interpretation

14:00-14:10

**Languages at the heart of democracy (Spanish)**

Anna Sole Mena  
Senior Expert, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture

14:10-14:20

**Social Climate Fund - the story of a fair transition (German)**

Rafael Sue  
Policy Officer, DG Climate Action

14:20-14:30

**Multilingualism at the heart of democratic society (Dutch)**

Tommy Pieterse  
Interim, DG Interpretation

14:30-14:40

**24 languages, one Parliament (Greek)**

Christina Friligkou  
Interpreter, European Parliament

14:40-14:50

**European Citizens' Panels (Lithuanian)**

Daina Naujokaite  
Assistant, DG Communication

14:50-15:00

**Sentiments and the state of the economy - meet the Business  
and Consumer Survey programme (Spanish)**

Esteban Callejas Pérez  
Economic Analyst and statistical economist, DG Economic and Financial Affairs

15:00-15:10

**The craft and industrial geographical  
indication protection system - (French)**

Valerie Marie D'Avigneau  
Policy Officer, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

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**Meet our trainees and discover their journey (English)**

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**Public speaking is FUN! (Greek)**

Natassa Papageorgiou  
Interpreter, DG Interpretation

15:30-15:40

**Of dinosaurs and translators - AI in translation (German)**

Christopher Filip  
Translator, DG Translation

15:40-15:50

**Cohesion policy and the challenges for outermost regions (Portuguese)**

Miguel Amorim  
Policy Officer, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

15:50-16:00

**Why interpreting is (still) a human job (Slovenian)**

Predrag Latinovic  
Head of Unit, Interpretation Directorate, Court of Justice of the European Union

16:00-16:10

**Food safety (Dutch)**

Frans Verstraete  
Deputy Head of Unit, DG Health and Food Safety

16:10-16:20

**Protecting Europe better by leveraging technology (French)**

Gabrielle Kolm  
Portfolio Manager, DG Defence Industry and Space

16:20-16:30

**What keeps us going in the changing world? (Estonian)**

Hedvig Ioanna Linnas  
Interpreter, DG Interpretation

16:30-16:40

**Quiz (English)**

Thea Munier, Chiara Gambelli  
Trainees, DG Interpretation and DG Translation

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**Labelling and packaging of household chemicals (French)**

Jeremy Pinte  
Policy Officer, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs

16:50-17:00

**Language technologies (French, Polish)**

Frédéric Beaugendre, Laura Kochalska  
Project Officer and Trainee, DG Interpretation

17:00-17:10

**My community engagement: Les Cuistots Solidaires (French)**

Francine Cochet  
Interpreter, DG Interpretation

17:10-17:20

**Mixing small and big - the role of small languages  
in the age of big data (Finnish)**

Inkaliisa Vihonen  
Policy Coordinator, DG Translation

17:20-17:30

**Closing remarks (Maltese)**

Colin Scicluna  
Deputy Director General, DG Interpretation