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Language profiles in demand with the EU interpreting services

Guidance for those wishing to take an accreditation test

The following table indicates the language profiles that a candidate must have to be admitted to the accreditation procedure. It is intended as a guide to students and to universities and is valid for two consecutive test years (2026-2027 and 2027-2028). The institutions reserve, however, the right to revise the language profiles in between the two test years, and to select candidates with a different profile if so justified by the needs of the services.

You may apply with a wider language combination, however, please bear in mind that the languages to be tested will be selected based on the needs of the services. Different profiles are due to different operational needs in each individual booth.

Notes on the abbreviations used:

BG = Bulgarian, CS = Czech, DA = Danish, DE = German, EL = Greek, EN = English, GA= Irish, ES = Spanish, ET = Estonian, FI = Finnish, FR = French, HR = Croatian, HU = Hungarian, IT = Italian, LT = Lithuanian, LV = Latvian, MT = Maltese, NL = Dutch, PL = Polish, PT = Portuguese, RO = Romanian, SK = Slovak, SL = Slovene, SV = Swedish.

The A language is one (native tongue or equivalent) which the interpreter masters perfectly and into which he/she is capable of interpreting consecutively and simultaneously from all his/her B and C languages.

The B language is one which the interpreter masters at a very high level close to mother-tongue and into which he/she can provide fluent and accurate interpretation in consecutive and simultaneous from the A language. This is also called a *retour* language.

The C language is one which is fully understood and from which the interpreter works into his/her A language.

In the table below, you will find the accreditation profiles for the different EU languages. By way of explanation, ACC means that on top of your A language you need two C languages which are sometimes specified in the column "Language Specifications", ABC means that you need a B language (a retour) and an additional C language, ABCC means that you need a B language (retour) and two additional C languages, and so on.

Please note that A, B and C must be official languages of the EU unless expressly indicated otherwise.

2026-2027 and 2027-2028 Accreditation Profiles

	Admission	Language specifications	Comments
BG	A + B A + CC	B = EN/FR/DE C1 = EN C2 = FR/DE/IT/ES	
CS	A + BC A + B A + CC	B = EN/FR/DE/ES/IT if B not EN C=EN B = EN C1 = EN C2 = any other official EU language except for SK	
DA	A + B A + CC	B = EN C1 = EN C2 = FR/DE/IT/ES/NL/PT	
DE	A + CCC A + CC A + BC	C1 = EN C2/3 any other official EU language C1 = EN C2 = FR/IT B = EN C = any other official EU language	
EL	A + CC A + BC A + CCC	C1 = EN C2 = FR/DE/ES/IT B = EN/FR/DE if B not EN, C=EN C = any other official EU language C1 = EN C2 = FR/DE/ES/IT C3 = any other from FR/DE/ES/IT	
EN	A + CC	C1 = FR/DE C2 = any other official EU language	
ES	A + CCC A + BC	C1 = EN C2 = FR/DE C3 = any official EU language except IT or PT if C2 is FR B = EN C = any official EU language except FR, IT, PT	

	Admission	Language specifications	Comments
ET	A + B A + CC	B = EN/FR/DE C1 = EN/FR/DE C2 = EN/FR/DE/IT/ES	
FI	A + B A + BC A + CC A + CCC	B = EN B = EN/FR/DE/IT/ES if B not EN, C =EN C1 = EN C2 = any other official EU language C1 = EN C2/3 = any other official EU language	
FR	A + BC A + CC A + CCC	B = EN C = any other official EU language C1 = EN C2 = any other official EU language except for EN, ES, IT, PT, GA C1 = EN C2/C3 = any other official EU language	
GA	A + B A + B A + C	A = GA B = EN A = EN B = GA A = EN C = GA	
HR	A + B A + CC A + BC	B = EN/FR/DE/IT/ES if B not EN, C = EN C1 = EN/FR/DE C2 = EN/FR/DE/IT/ES/NL/PT if C1 not EN, C2 =EN B = EN/FR/DE/IT/ES if B not EN, C=EN C = any other official EU language	
HU	A + BC A + B A + CC	B = EN/DE/FR/ES if B not EN, C = EN C = any other official EU language B = EN C1 = EN C2 = any other official EU language	
IT	A + BCC A + CCC	B = EN C1 = FR/DE C2 = any other official EU language C1 = EN C2 = FR/DE C3 = any other official EU language	For operational reasons the language profile EN+FR+ES is not eligible in this accreditation test cycle.

	Admission	Language specifications	Comments
LT	A + B A + CC	B = EN/FR/DE C1 = EN C2 = FR/DE/IT/ES	
LV	A + B A+ BC	B = EN/FR/DE B = EN C = any other official EU language	
MT	A + B A + BC A + CC	B= EN/FR/DE/IT/ES B = EN/FR/DE/IT/ES if B not EN, C=EN C1 = EN/FR/DE C2 = any other official EU language	
NL	A + CCC A + CC A + BC	C1 = EN C2/3 = any other official EU language C1 = EN C2 = any other official EU language B = EN if B not EN, C = EN C = any other official EU language	
PL	A + BC A + CCC	B = EN C = FR/DE/IT/ES or B = FR/DE C = EN C1 = EN C2 = FR/DE/IT/ES C3 = any other official EU language	
PT	A + CC A + B A + CCC A + BCC	C1 = EN C2 = any other official EU language B = EN/FR/DE C1 = EN C2/3 = any other official EU language B = EN if B not EN, C = EN C2/3 = any other official EU language	
RO	A + BC A + CC	B = EN C = FR/DE/ES/IT or B = FR/DE/ES C = EN C1 = EN C2 = any other official EU language	

	Admission	Language specifications	Comments
SK	A + BC	B = EN/FR/DE/ES/IT C = any other from EN/FR/DE/ES/IT	
	A + B	B = EN/FR/DE/ES/IT	
	A + CC	C1 = EN C2 = FR/DE/ES/IT	
SL	A + BC	B = EN/FR/DE/IT if B not EN, C = EN	
	A + B	B = EN	
	A + CC	C1 = EN C2 = FR/DE/IT/ES/NL	
SV	A + CCC	C1 = EN/FR/DE C2/3 = any other official EU language	DA will not be considered for admission to the test.
	A + CC	C1 = EN/FR/DE C2 = any other official EU language	
	A + BC	B = EN C = any other official EU language	

/ stands for “or”