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Translation, a journey to the heart of Europe

The history of Europe is perhaps one of the most enthralling and complex of all the regions of the world. Homer wrote that, thanks to the evils that mankind suffer, poets would always have something to write about. Many centuries later, the brilliant decorated historian Gombnich wrote that one of the greatest contributions Europe made to world history was the change introduced by Greece, transitioning from tradition to innovation, from imitating ^{copying the experts} what the greats had done before to searching for originality. He could say that, from these two elements a big part of what has happened in our continent over the last 2500 years can be explained.

Europe has a history of creative rivalry, but also one of ~~an~~ endless wars and ancestral grudges, ^{which} ~~that~~ has effectively ensured that writers and historians have a lot to talk about and explore. Well, in the case of Europe this rivalry has also been expressed in the large number of languages, even when, in comparison,

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Europe isn't the ~~most diverse~~ richest continent in the world linguistically speaking. In contrast, if we look towards other parts of the world, we can find that in just one country, Nigeria, a census has been taken recording almost 450 languages, ~~more~~ which is only half of what was recorded in the case of ^{Papua} ~~Prophet~~ New Guinea. In comparison, the 24 official languages of the European Union seem like child's play.

In spite of this, the European Union and its institutions have been criticized for what has been considered a confusing mess of languages and a Tower of Babel that requires a great army of translators so that the texts written in the institutions can be understood by the 508 million ~~to~~ people living in the 28 countries of the European Union. These critics probably forget that, without translation, one part of Europe wouldn't know what the other part is ~~thinking~~ ^{thinking}. That would ~~be~~ ^{be just as} harmful ^{as} if half of our brain ~~were to be ignorant to~~ ^{were to be ignorant to} what the other half was thinking couldn't understand →

from the most simple to the ^{most} complex, from our ~~simplest~~

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 and intellectual achievements, Europeans today express
 themselves officially in 24 different languages. This
 means that there are at least 24 different ways of
 realising what really matters to ~~us~~ us: the essence
 of European spirit. It is necessary that everyone, in
 any far corner of Europe, can express and understand
 this essence in their own language. And it is left
 to translation to take on such an important challenge.