

**KCI Virtual Café on European Day of Languages**  
**26 September 2024**  
**Programme**

**Celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 2004 EU enlargement**

**15:00 Opening** by the moderators:

- **Benjamin Heyden**, Directorate-General for Translation, European Commission
- **Daniel Pashley**, Directorate-General for Interpretation, European Commission

**15:05 Welcome and introduction:**

- **Christos Ellinides**, Director-General, Directorate-General for Translation, European Commission
- **Genoveva Ruiz Calavera**, Director-General, Directorate-General for Interpretation, European Commission

**15:15 Testimonials:**

- **Katarina Skacaniova**, DG Interpretation, European Commission.
- **Anne Deforge**, DG Translation, European Commission

**15:30 Panel discussion: *Welcoming new languages for a new exciting journey***

Moderator: **Caroline Dewynter** and **Daniel Pashley**

Panel members:

- **Carlos Alegria**, former Director of Resources in DG interpretation, European Commission
- **Valda Liepina**, former Head of Unit in Latvian department and Head of Unit in English language department, DG Translation, European Commission
- **Mari Vihuri**, Adviser of the Verbatim Records and Translation Department, Chancellery of the Riigikogu, Estonia
- **Ildikó Horváth**, Director, Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union, previously at ELTE University, Budapest
- **Milan Damjanoski**, Professor, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje, North Macedonia

Q&A with the audience

**16:20 Slido quiz**

**16:35 2024 Eurobarometer on Europeans and their languages:** Interesting facts about enlargement languages

- **Anna Solé Mena**, Senior Expert - Multilingualism policy, Directorate-General for education, youth, sport and culture, European Commission

**16:45 Conclusions** by the moderators