



# **Connecting Europe Facility setting the scene**

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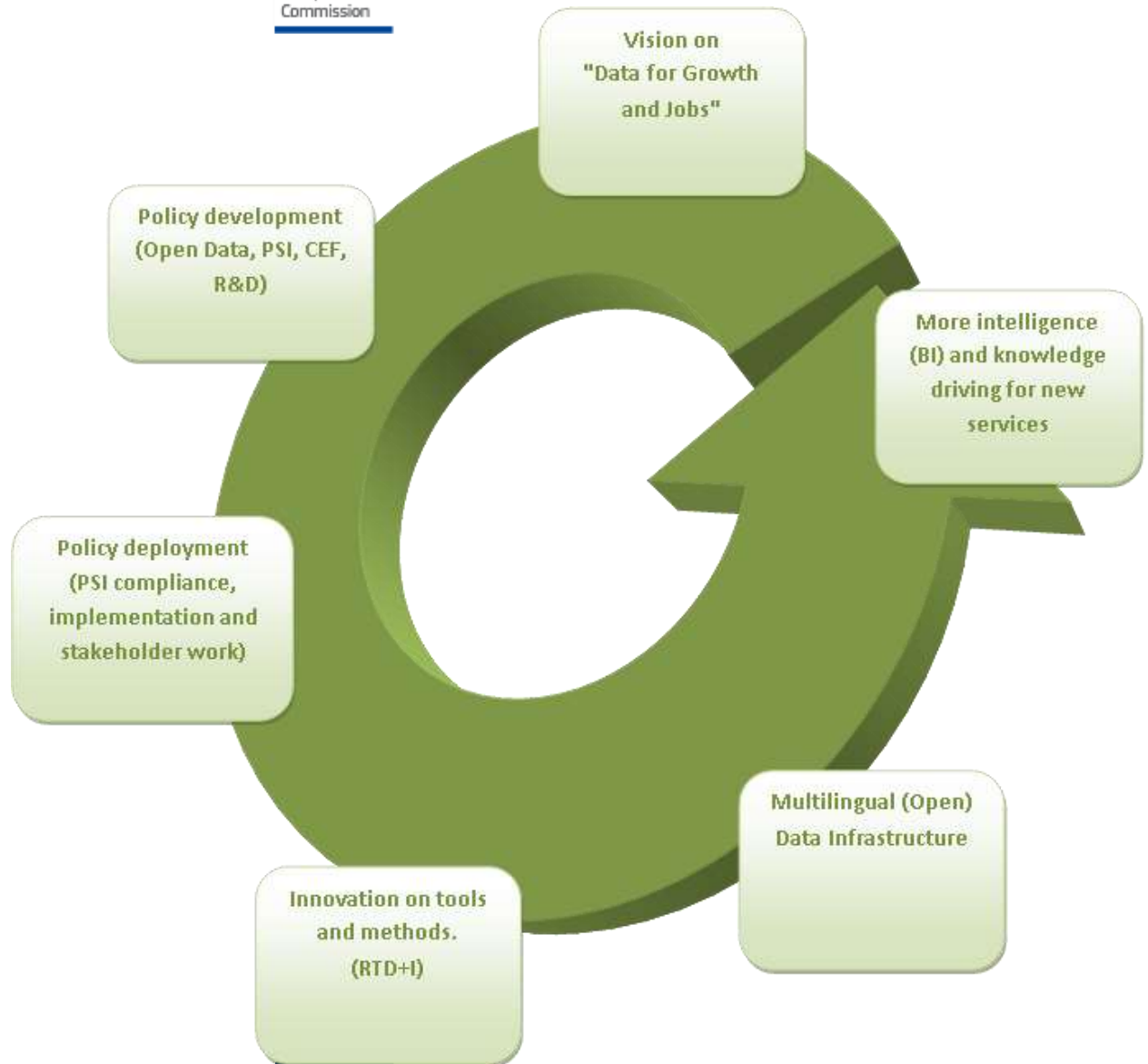
## Unit CNECT.G3 – Data Value Chain mandate

- Funding agency for Multilingual Big Data & Open Data: research, innovation, deployment
- Regulation, policy, legislation on Open Data (PSI Directive)
- Data value chain strategy, public-private partnership (cPPP)



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# Towards a virtuous cycle of data





# Digital Single Market strategy

*A Digital Single Market can create up to €340 billion in additional growth, hundreds of thousands of new jobs, and a vibrant knowledge-based society*

- **Digital public sector is part of the DSM strategy**

*Detailed DSM strategy will be issued by VP Ansip on 6 May*

# What is Connecting Europe Facility?

- *established by REGULATION (EU) No 1316/2013 of 11 December 2013*
- *common financing instrument of trans-European networks for the period 2014-2020*
- *projects of common interest in the sectors of transport, telecommunications and energy*
- *deployment programme*
- *CEF Telecom Guidelines cover the specific objectives and priorities as well as eligibility criteria for funding envisaged for the telecommunications sector*
- *CEF Telecommunications / Telecom = CEF Digital + Broadband*

# What is CEF Telecom?

- *deployment programme for digital service infrastructures and high-speed broadband networks*
- *enabler of the public services pillar of the DSM strategy*
- *budget of 1.14 BEUR*
  - **970 MEUR** for **Digital Service Infrastructures (DSIs)** delivering networked cross-border services for citizens, businesses and public administrations
  - **170 MEUR** for **Broadband activities**

## Why CEF Telecom?

- *improve the competitiveness of the European economy*
- *promote the interconnection and interoperability of national, regional and local networks*
- *promote access to such networks, thus supporting the development of a Digital Single Market*



## Multilingual challenge of pan-European public services

- *The European Digital Single Market is **multilingual***
- *Pan-European public services address the whole EU*
- *No lingua franca among public administrations in Europe*
- *90% of EU web users prefer to use their own language in online services*
- ***Human translation is too expensive and too slow** with the intended text volumes*
- *Human translation is **not a solution** in all use scenarios*
- *Available online translators have **gaps in language coverage** and are **not secure***

**→ multilingual support is needed**

# The solution is CEF Automated Translation platform

*CEF.AT will make European public online services multilingual*

*...by deploying mature language technologies in a secure platform*

## **Goal**

- To make public digital services equally usable by all EU users, irrespective of their working language and language skills*
- To facilitate cross-border information exchange in public administration*

# CEF.AT an opportunity for LT community

- CEF is a deployment programme of mature technologies
- significant EC investment in LT in R&I programmes since 2007
- important "ingredients" for CEF.AT: MT toolkit Moses, META-SHARE language resources, MT domain adapted pilots, standards and workflows for language processing, tools for terminology work ...
- time has come to put the results of R&I actions in **visible** use at **European level!**
- **Unique opportunity** for European LT community to show that LT can deliver **effective multilingual support to public online services**



# CEF.AT an opportunity for Member States

- *CEF.AT is at the core of creating effective **pan-European** online public services*
- *Technology underlying CEF.AT needs linguistic data (**language resources**) in EU languages*
- *Member States should **take ownership** of their own language and make sure their language is adequately supported in CEF.AT*
- *This event is about launching the **networking** to get Member States involved and obtain the relevant "language resources"*

***Thank you!***