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The Commission is fully committed to respecting the linguistic diversity of the EU and cooperates closely with the different linguistic services of the EU institutions to that effect.

1. The Commission recognises the importance of supporting interpreters in adapting to technological advancements, including Artificial Intelligence. This involves engaging in dialogues with interpreters and industry experts, establishing adequate upskilling strategies, and ensuring that technological tools support and complement, rather than replace, human expertise.
2. The Commission is aware of concerns about the future of the interpreting profession and acknowledges the need to attract talented individuals. The Commission actively supports awareness campaigns and a wide array of initiatives to highlight the value of multilingualism and the opportunities available in the interpreting field. The interpretation services of the EU institutions recruit interpreters in line with their specific needs.
3. Specialised academic curricula are vital to ensure that institutions have access to qualified interpreters to meet their multilingual needs. The Commission values the well-established cooperation between EU institutions and universities to train interpreters in language combinations required by the institutions. It provides support through networks, consortia, training assistance, bursaries and grants.