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Currently ongoing:
- 26 LT projects
- 60 MEUR

Pending selection of winners:
- ICT-PSP call 4 “Multilingual Web”
  - closed 1 Jun 2010
  - 16 MEUR
  - 6-8 more projects
Within next 10 months - two more calls:

- 2010 FP7 call 7 – obj 4.2 – 50 MEUR
- 2011 FP7 SME initiative (obj 4.1): <20 MEUR

End of 2011 we will have:

Total 60+ running LT projects, 130 M funding \( \rightarrow \) 55 M/year = 600-800 FTE
FP7-ICT Call 7 (launch 28 Sep 2010 tbc)

- multilingual content processing: IP + STREP
- information access & mining: STREP
- natural spoken interaction: IP + STREP

practical/empirical approach - validation - involve users/vendors

75% funding rate!
“SME initiative on digital content and languages” (launch Feb 2011)

- adding value by pooling/making available, integrating ... (language) data
- provide attractive and useful services with innovative technologies
- at least 2 SMEs
- fast and small projects/consortia
- 35 MEUR total, including “non-linguistic” content
- 75% funding rate!
First (immediate) challenge

Now we (you) need to:
• mobilize 100+ new players
• ...mostly from industry/business
• get them interested/involved
• ...and submitting good proposals
• spread the word -- you cannot do it alone!
Second (mid-term) challenge

Adapt to new environment:
• less political drive for multilingualism
• economic austerity
• strong competition of policy areas
• “multilingualism is expensive”
• LT is and will be challenged
  • is it any good?
  • is it already good enough?
Dates & Events

- 27-29 Sep 2010: ICT conference in Brussels & launch of FP7 Call 7
- mid-Nov 2010: dedicated info session(s)
- Jan 2011: close of “language technologies” call (tbc)
- Close of SME call: Apr 2011 (1st stage), Sep 2011 (2nd stage) – both tbc
Thank you!

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