

*Academic Cooperation:  
Terminology Research for IATE –  
Pilot Project 2012/2013*



# What is IATE?

- \* IATE stands for *InterActive Terminology for Europe*.
- \* It is used by the EU's translation services since the summer of 2004.
- \* The database contains roughly 8.7 million terms.



# IATE

- \* Its public version receives on average 3500 queries per hour from the entire world.
- \* The IATE database is managed and fed by several EU Institutions, such as the European Commission, the Council and the Parliament.



# The Project

The aims of the project are:

- \* to collaborate on terminology projects with universities that teach Terminology courses as part of their programmes (Bachelor, Master, Postgraduate, etc.)
- \* to create awareness of the importance of terminology in the translation process;



# The Project

- \* to offer students the opportunity to gain hands-on terminology experience and contribute to the EU IATE database;
- \* to offer students and university professors the opportunity to come on a study visit at the European Parliament.



# Approach

- \* TermCoord proposes specific terminology projects to universities OR the universities propose projects in domains of mutual interest.
- \* The IATE terminology project is optionally integrated into an existing university course.



# Proceedings

- \* All students and teachers receive guest accounts to the internal IATE database for consultation.
- \* The terminology research can be done in any of the EU's official languages as long as either the source or one of the target languages is English or French.



# Proceedings

- \* TermCoord sends the project participation forms, the University Research Guide Package and the Interinstitutional Style Guides for the chosen language combination(s).
- \* The universities make a detailed plan for implementation of the terminology research project





# Proceedings

- \* The university students carry out the necessary research under the supervision of their professors.
- \* The university teachers guide, supervise and evaluate the work done by the students.
- \* Upon completion of the research the university project coordinator submits the glossary tables to TermCoord .



# Proceedings

- \* Each university completes a project evaluation report.
- \* TermCoord inserts the glossaries into IATE and validates the terms.
- \* TermCoord makes an assessment report of the project.

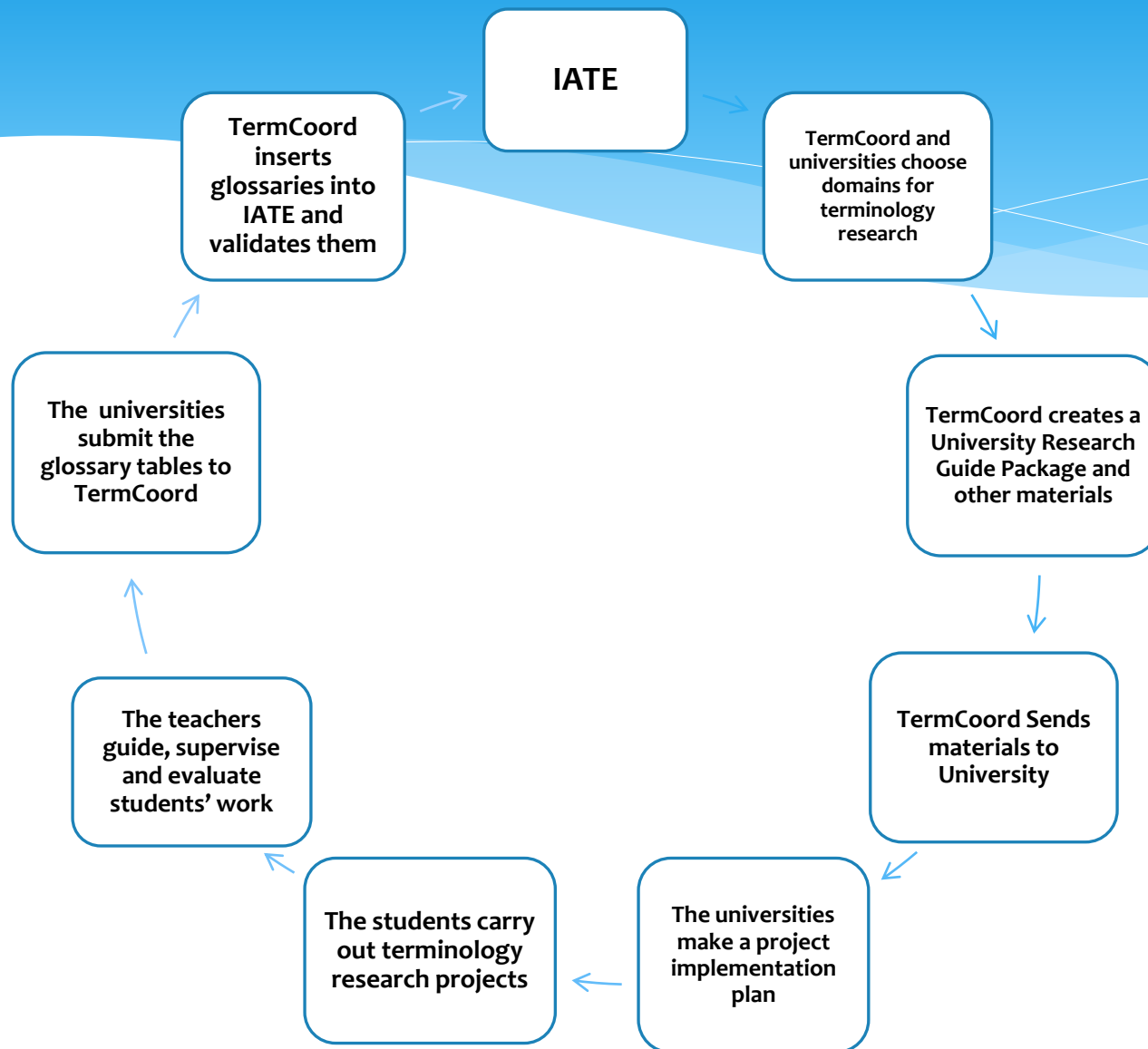


# Proceedings

- \* TermCoord provides certificates to participating universities and students.
- \* Based on the outcome, a decision will be taken whether this type of initiative is worth pursuing with other universities as well.



# Workflow



# Roles and responsibilities

## Terminology Coordination Unit

- \* Contributes to selecting the topic for the Terminology project among the domains of EU legislation and the particular needs for feeding IATE.
- \* Provides access to internal IATE for consultation.
- \* Provides permanent contact during the project.



# Terminology Coordination Unit

- \* Provides all necessary guidelines, templates and resources (including textual resources for computational linguistics projects for IATE).
- \* Evaluates the terminology work and provides feedback.
- \* Ensures and coordinates the internal validation process by the EP terminologists.



# Terminology Coordination Unit

- \* Coordinates the import of the terms into IATE.
- \* Rewards the terminological work by entering the terms into IATE as a collection of the participating university.



# Terminology Coordination Unit

- \* Rewards the terminological work by providing a certificate for the participating university upon successful completion of the project.
- \* Rewards the terminological work by providing a certificate for each participating student upon successful completion of the project.





# Terminology Coordination Unit

- \* Provides presentations on terminology management at the European Parliament, terminology and documentation services for translation offered by TermCoord, as well as the available tools and resources during self-funded group study visits of university students.



# University

- \* Chooses the topic in collaboration with TermCoord, selects the terms and does all the necessary terminology research.
- \* Informs TermCoord on the chosen topic and the language pairs in which the terminology research will be done.
- \* Makes use of the guidance and resources provided by TermCoord.



# University

- \* If interested, carries out computational linguistics projects for IATE.
- \* Supervises the students' terminological work by making sure that all guidelines provided by TermCoord are correctly applied.
- \* Sends the terminology tables to TermCoord for validation and insertion into IATE.



# University

- \* Provides feedback on the project and the work completed, as well as on the efficiency of the project.
- \* Provides feedback on the work of each participating student.



# Pilot project outcome

- \* Will influence the future shape of cooperation with universities.
- \* Only a few universities participate in the pilot stage of the project.
- \* Your feedback will help us improve the project procedures and optimize the workflow.



# Importance of your input

- \* IATE is one of the biggest terminology databases in the world.
- \* IATE is consulted not only by translators at the EU institutions, but also by journalists, lawyers, etc. all over the world.
- \* Your work matters!



*Good luck!*

