

## European Master in Translation

The aim of this project is to develop and pilot a European Master programme in professional translation. A group of universities specialised in high-quality translator training will offer programme modules and a joint degree will be awarded on completion of the programme. Following development of the project, which is funded by the EU's Leonardo da Vinci programme, the programme will be piloted from 1 October 2004 to 30 September 2005. The full programme will then be launched on 1 October 2005.

The universities participating in the development and piloting of the programme are:

- Handelshøjskolen i Århus/Aarhus School of Business, Aarhus (Denmark)
- Heriot Watt University, Edinburgh (UK)
- Universidad Pontificia Comillas, Madrid (Spain)
- Universität des Saarlandes, Saarbrücken (Germany)
- Université de Mons-Hainaut, Mons (Belgium)

This new European Master in Translation is an innovative, research-based and professionally-oriented Master programme. The working language is English, but some modules may be taught in other languages. The programme offers advanced training in both theoretical and practical subjects related to professional translation. The programme will be modular and will consist of a curriculum of 60 ECTS credits to be taken either on a one-year full-time basis, a two-year part-time basis, or as individual professional development modules. The programme not only offers flexibility in terms of **when** to take the modules, but also **how** to take the modules, since the programme combines traditional face-to-face sessions with new modes of teaching and learning, such as e-learning, making it possible for practising translators, for example, to work while following the programme.

The target groups of the European Master in Translation are recent university graduates and practising translators. The programme is thus designed to upgrade the competences and skills of would-be and practising translators in order that they can compete for posts as high-level professional translators in private companies, national public institutions, or international organisations (e.g. the translation services of the European Union). The minimum entrance qualification is an academic degree at Bachelor level. Candidates must also pass an entrance exam to be accepted on to the programme.

The new European Master in Translation is being developed in close co-operation with industry partners involved in professional translation. Programme modules will therefore be designed to meet the needs of the socio-economic environment, and programme graduates will have the skills required by the translation industry. A further notable strength of the programme is the university partnership network on which it is based. This network allows for a wider range of opportunities for specialisation for students participating in the programme, as it enables them to take advantage of the partners' various areas of expertise. In this way, the industry and university partnership network is able to guarantee a quality programme which is based on relevance to the translation profession and academic excellence.