



# Cross-lingual similarity calculation for plagiarism detection and more – Tools and resources

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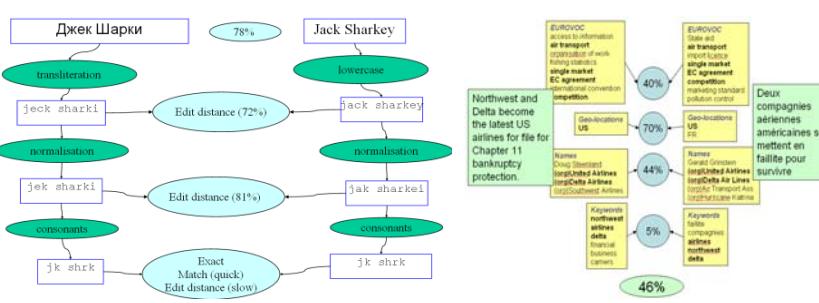
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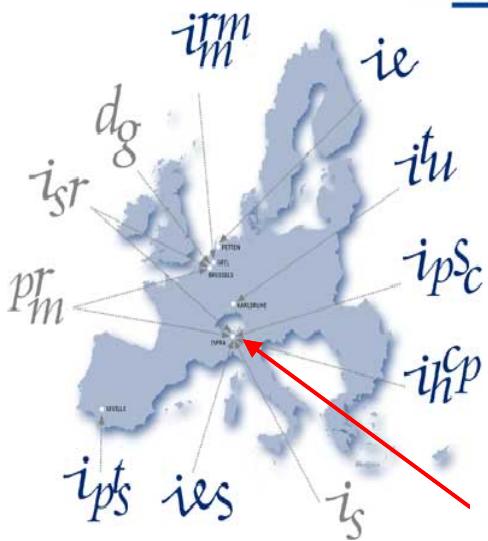
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# JRC - Who we are



## BRUSSELS (BE)

The Directorate General (DG)  
The Institutional and Scientific Relations Directorate (ISR)  
The Programme and Resource Management Directorate (PRM)

## GEEL (BE)

The Institute for Reference Materials and Measurements (IRMM)

## KARLSRUHE (DE)

The Institute for Transuranium Elements (ITU)

## ISPRAS (IT) Download the Ispra site Brochure (English - Italian)

The Institute for the Protection and Security of the Citizen (IPSC)  
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## PETTEN (NL)

The Institute for Energy (IE)

## SEVILLE (E)

The Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS)



- European Commission (scientific-technical arm of public administration)
- Non-commercial
- Multi-disciplinary / multilingual
- Main product: [Europe Media Monitor \(EMM\)](#)

## Europe Media Monitor



## EMM – A few facts

- ~ 150,000 online news articles / day in ~ 50 languages
- ~ 3600 Sources (world-wide, with focus on Europe)
- In-depth analysis in 20 languages (NewsExplorer)
- 24/7, updated every 10 minutes
- Freely accessible via <http://emm.newsbrief.eu/overview.html>
- Articles are fed into the various EMM applications:

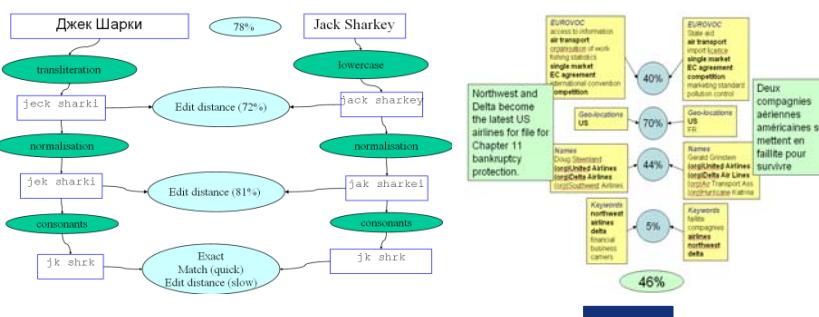


Steinberger Ralf, Bruno Pouliquen & Erik van der Goot (2009). [An introduction to the Europe Media Monitor Family of Applications](#). In: Fredric Gey, Noriko Kando & Jussi Karlgren (eds.): Information Access in a Multilingual World - Proceedings of the SIGIR 2009 Workshop (SIGIR-CLIR'2009), pp. 1-8. Boston, USA. 23 July 2009.

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## Monolingual PD work



## at the JRC (1)

- N-gram overlap between pairs of documents
    - Karp-Rabin algorithm, using word 5-grams
    - to weed out duplicates in the IAEA document database (ca. 350K documents)
    - to find news article near-duplicates in EMM (applied to all news clusters)

<p><b>Shares</b> of the world's largest tobacco company <b>tumbled almost 14 per cent to \$37.03</b> after it said it was not in the position to confirm its previous projection of 8.10 per cent growth in underlying earnings per share next year</p>	<p>The world's largest tobacco company it said it was not in the position to confirm its <b>earlier</b> projection of 8.10 per cent growth in underlying earnings per share next year</p>
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## at the JRC (2)

## Detection of verbatim plagiarism in research deliverables of EC-funded projects.

- Method: Search for longest (in chars) word 6-grams of each document in EC database and on the web (avoiding strings from document template)
    - If target documents pass similarity threshold:
    - Full-text comparison of matching documents to detect significant matches
    - Visualise document overlap and manually check.
  - Contact: Charles Macmillan

64.2% of text matched. (16422 words matched out of 22472)

## Checked File Details

Filename	P_D2.1.pdf
Project	

## Matching Files

Ref.	Project	Name	Matching Words	%Suspect Words	%Source
01		<a href="#">020_technote_intelligent_snp_selection.pdf</a>	842	3.7	38.2
02		<a href="#">Gregersen_text.doc</a>	7228	32.2	90.7
03		<a href="#">jama.ama-assn.org_1335.full.htm</a>	655	2.9	6.6
04		<a href="#">Malam, The Diagnosis of MS.pdf</a>	0	0.0	0.0
05		<a href="#">Multiple_Sclerosis_Current_Status_And_Strategies_For_The_Future.pdf</a>	3222	14.8	1.6
06		<a href="#">PSS0505.pdf</a>	148	0.7	0.6
07		<a href="#">wikipedia_20080619_Genome-wide_association_study.html</a>	358	1.6	41.6
08		<a href="#">www.genome.gov_17516714.htm</a>	862	3.8	60.4
09		<a href="#">www.genome.gov_201919523.htm</a>	613	2.7	39.5
10		<a href="#">www.mged.org_mame_2.0.html</a>	591	2.6	83.9

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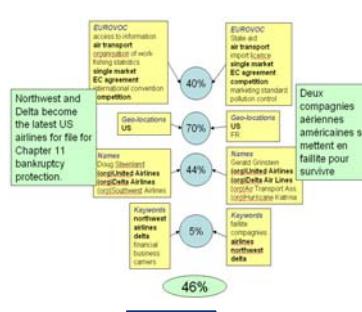
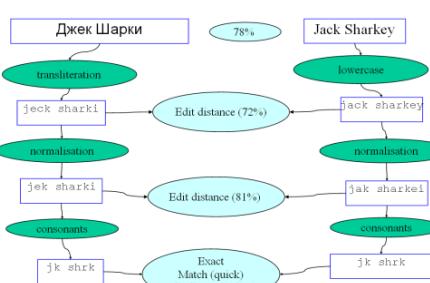
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# Cross-lingual similarity



# Entity names



Names
Bashar al-Assad (Eu,yo)
بشار الأسد (ar)
Bachar al-Assad (es,pt)
Baschar al-Assad (de,nl)
Bashar Assad (Eu,sw)
Bashar al Assad (da,sw)
Башар Асад (bg,ru)
Beşşar Esad (tr)
Beşar Esad (tr)
Bachar el-Assad (fr,pt)
Bachar al Asad (es,pt)
Bashar Al-Assad (da,sw)
Bashar al Asad (es,sw)
Bashar Al Assad (da,tr)
Bachar al Assad (es,pt)
Bachar Al-Assad (es,pt)
Başar al Asad (sl)
Baschar el Assad (de)
Baschar al Assad (de,es)
Bachar el Asad (es)
Bashir al-Assad (da,sv)

Key Titles and Phrases
syrian president (en - 1322)
président syrien (fr - 570)
presidente sírio (pt - 271)
presidente sirio (es - 205)
presidente siriano (it - 202)
president (de,sv - 961)
syrische president (nl - 133)
präsident (de - 446)
präsidenten (de - 223)
síria (pt - 122)
prezydenta (pl - 158)
staatschef (de - 92)
presidente (es,pt - 241)
président (fr - 249)
prezydent (pl - 75)
siria (es - 51)
başkanı (tr - 209)
syrien (fr - 39)
predsednika (sl - 55)
staatspräsident (de - 35)
predsednik (sl - 51)

## External resources

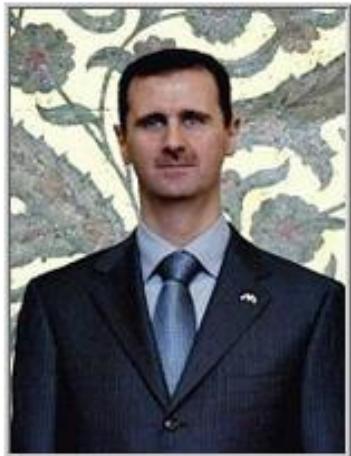


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# Entity names (2)

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**Analysis over time**

Timeline Timeline [en] for 09/2012

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**Bashar Assad**

Information about this person was last updated on Sunday, September 9, 2012.

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Bashar Al-Assad (da,tr)	président (fr - 249)	
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**Latest Clusters - English**

[de] [ar] [it] [fr] [pt] [nl] [ru] [sl] [es] [da] [no] [bg] [sv] [tr] [ro] [sw]

State TV reports 6 dead in Damascus 'terrorist' blast  
cnn 08-SEP-12

Hu makes pledge on Chinese growth  
bbc 08-SEP-12

Double 'terror' blasts reported in Damascus  
cnn 07-SEP-12

What you need to know about Syria today  
cnn 06-SEP-12

Clinton Tells Russia Sanctions Will End, but Congress May Disagree  
IHT 08-SEP-12

26 PKK members killed in military operation in SE Turkey  
xinhuanet\_en 08-SEP-12

Russia named the conditions for a peace settlement in Syria  
iartass\_en 07-SEP-12

Vladimir Putin accuses Britain and US of double standards  
telegraph 06-SEP-12

**Related People**

- Kofi Annan (2693)
- Ban Ki Moon (1806)
- Sergei Lavrov (1507)
- Hillary Rodham Clinton (1474)
- Barack Obama (1354)
- Recep Tayyip Erdogan (981)
- Nabil Elaraby (887)
- Vladimir Putin (838)
- Muammar Gaddafi (808)
- Ahmed Davutoglu (805)
- Alain Juppé (785)
- Abdul Rahman (710)
- Walid Muallem (645)
- Nicolas Sarkozy (543)
- William Hague (531)
- Catherine Ashton (511)
- Bourhan Ghalioun (509)
- Susan Rice (445)
- Guido Westerwelle (434)
- David Cameron (413)
- Victoria Nuland (402)
- François Hollande (390)
- Laurent Fabius (384)
- Robert Mood (379)
- Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (372)
- Navi Pillay (370)

**Associated People**

- Amer Alkhateeb (1.2)
- Mustafa al Dabija (1.2)
- Vladimir Petrovich Kochyev (1.1)
- Vladimir Kuyev (1.1)
- Bourhan Ghalioun (1.1)

# Multilingual NER



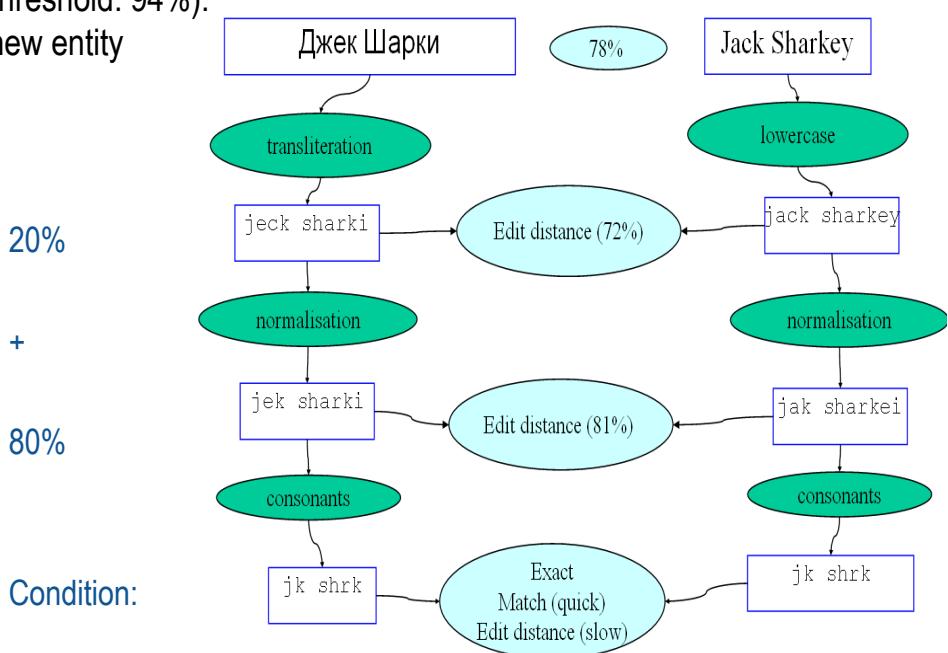
en	death of former Prime Minister <b>Rafik Hariri</b> , blamed by many opposition
es	asesinato del exprimer ministro <b>Rafic al-Hariri</b> , que la oposición atribuyó
fr	l'assassinat de l'ex-dirigeant <b>Rafic Hariri</b> et le départ du chef de la diplom
nl	na de moord op oud-premier <b>Rafiq al-Hariri</b> gingen gisteren bijna een
de	libanesischen Regierungschef <b>Rafik Hariri</b> vor einem Monat wichtige B
sl	danjega libanonskega premiera <b>Rafika Haririja</b> . Libanonska opozicija si
et	mõõdumisele ekspeaminister <b>Rafik al-Hariri</b> surma põhjustanud pommipl
ar	اغتيال رئيس الوزراء السابق <b>رفيق الحريري</b> بأيدٍ يهودية وما حدث سابقاً
ru	Бывший премьер-министр Ливана <b>Рафик Харири</b> , который

## Merging name variants



- For all newly found name forms, detect whether they are a variant of an existing NE:
  - Transliteration;
  - Normalisation, using ~30 hand-written rules and removing vowels;
  - Calculate similarity (threshold: 94%).
  - Below threshold → new entity

Steinberger Ralf & Bruno Pouliquen (2009). **Cross-lingual Named Entity Recognition**. In: Satoshi Sekine & Elisabete Ranchhod (eds.); *Named Entities - Recognition, Classification and Use*, Benjamins Current Topics, Volume 19, pp. 137-164. John Benjamins Publishing Company. ISBN 978-90-272-8922 3.



## Add Wikipedia variants



- For frequent or highly visible names, manually launch a Wikipedia mining process.
    - Check for each variant of a name whether there is a Wikipedia entry.
    - New name variants, *in all scripts*, will be recognised in new EMM articles.

in other languages	Hamid Karzai	<a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamid_Karzai">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hamid_Karzai</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="339 462 395 476">■ Afrikaans</li><li data-bbox="339 478 395 489">■ الارabic</li><li data-bbox="339 491 395 503">■ Български</li><li data-bbox="339 507 395 518">■ Dansk</li><li data-bbox="339 521 395 532">■ Deutsch</li><li data-bbox="339 536 395 548">■ Eesti</li><li data-bbox="339 550 395 561">■ Ελληνικά</li><li data-bbox="339 565 395 577">■ Español</li><li data-bbox="339 579 395 590">■ Esperanto</li><li data-bbox="339 595 395 606">■ فارسی</li><li data-bbox="339 608 395 619">■ Français</li><li data-bbox="339 624 395 635">■ Gaeilge</li><li data-bbox="339 637 395 649">■ Galego</li><li data-bbox="339 653 395 664">■ 한국어</li><li data-bbox="339 667 395 678">■ हिन्दी</li><li data-bbox="339 682 395 694">■ Bahasa Indonesia</li><li data-bbox="339 696 395 707">■ Иронау</li><li data-bbox="339 711 395 723">■ Italiano</li><li data-bbox="339 725 395 736">■ ייִדיש</li><li data-bbox="339 741 395 752">■ କୁରତ୍ତୁଳା</li><li data-bbox="339 754 395 765">■ Kurdî / کوردی</li></ul>	<p>From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia</p> <p><b>Hamid Karzai</b> (Persian and Pashto: حامد کرزی (b. December 24, 1957) is the current President of Afghanistan (since December 7, 2004). He became the dominant political figure after the removal of the Taliban government. From 2001, Hamid Karzai was the Chairman of the Administration and Interim President until he won the 2004 election.</p> <p>Хамид Карзай Hamid Karzai Hamid Karzaï Hamid Karsai حامد کرزای ہامید کرزاں 哈米德·卡尔扎伊</p>	 A portrait photograph of Hamid Karzai, showing him from the chest up. He is wearing a dark green turban and a dark green shalwar kameez with a red and gold patterned sash. He is looking slightly to his right with a neutral expression.

# Freely available resource



# JRC-Names

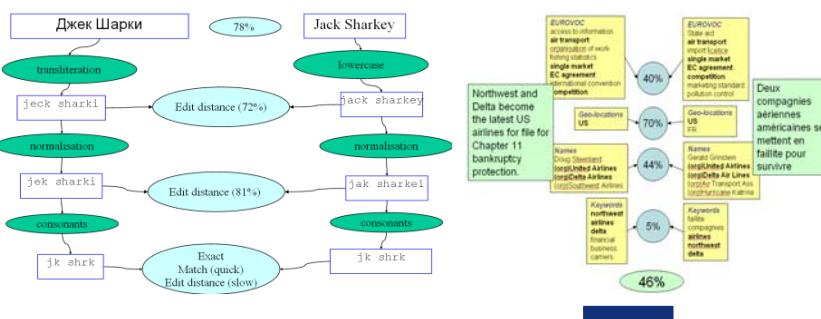
Name variant list, including across scripts, and software to recognise names in text



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**Biggest Story this Month:** U.S., Britain launch first

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**Libyan rebels continue westward push [67]** de es fr it nl ar bg da et fa no pl pt ro ru sl sv sw tr

Libyan rebels say they have entered town of Ras Lanuf after defeating pro-Gaddafi troops further east.  
*RTERadio 1:30:00 PM CEST*

**Workers evacuated from Fukushima plant [45]** de es fr it nl ar da et pl pt sl sv

Japanese authorities evacuated workers from a reactor building they were working in after high doses of radiation were detected at the crippled Fukushima nuclear plant.  
*RTERadio 9:20:00 AM CEST*

**2 killed in Israeli airstrike as nation deploys new defense system [37]** de es fr it nl ar bg pt sl sv

An Israeli airstrike in northern Gaza Sunday morning killed two Palestinians and injured three others, according to Israeli and Palestinian officials.  
*cnn 5:24:00 PM CEST*

**Syrian troops step up street patrols [29]** de es fr it nl ar da fa no pt ru sl sv tr

Syria's army beefed up its presence in the southern city of Deraa, a

**Countries**

Country	Count
United States	(270)
United Kingdom	(138)
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	(60)
Côte D'Ivoire	(46)
Italy	(38)
Canada	(38)
Australia	(37)
Sudan	(36)
India	(34)
Turkey	(34)
Somalia	(30)
Russian Federation	(29)
Japan	(27)
Iran, Islamic Republic Of	(27)
Afghanistan	(25)
Cyprus	(22)
Greece	(20)
Malta	(20)
Egypt	(19)
China	(18)
Syrian Arab Republic	(17)
Cuba	(17)
Lebanon	(16)

**People**

Person	Count
Muammar Gaddafi	
Robert Gates	
Bashar Assad	
Barack Obama	
Hillary Rodham Clinton	
Hideaki Nishiyama	
Ali Abdullah Saleh	
Yukio Edano	
Angela Merkel	
Ed Miliband	
Manmohan Singh	
Youssef Raza Gillani	
Khaled Kaim	
Asif Ali Zardari	
Geraldine Ferraro	
Boutouhna Shaaban	
Fahrtullah Babar	
Stephen Harper	
Liam Fox	

**This Week's New Stories**

- Portugal's prime minister resigns after losing austerity measure confidence vote  
*March 23, 2011 - March 26, 2011*
  - 60 confirmed dead in Burma earthquake  
*March 22, 2011 - March 27, 2011*
  - Pak-India composite dialogue to resume on March 28  
*March 23, 2011 - March 26, 2011*
  - Man is charged over Sian murder  
*March 21, 2011 - March 27, 2011*
  - Elizabeth Taylor: her life and loves in pictures  
*March 23, 2011 - March 25, 2011*
  - Huge rally in London Protests Budget Cuts  
*March 21, 2011 - March 27, 2011*
  - Britain's chancellor plans Read more...

**This Month's New Stories**

- 37 killed amid Syria protests, U.N. says  
*March 18, 2011 - March 27, 2011*
  - Germany's Merkel faces state poll blow  
*March 3, 2011 - March 27, 2011*
  - Dublin increases banks' support  
*March 10, 2011 - March 27, 2011*
  - Portugal's prime minister resigns after losing austerity measure confidence vote  
*March 23, 2011 - March 26, 2011*
  - Greek government rejects downgrading  
*February 26, 2011 - March 24, 2011*

# Cross-lingual similarity



# Documents (2)



## Castro quits as president, state-run paper reports [72]

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Fidel Castro announced his resignation as president of Cuba and commander-in-chief of Cuba's military on Tuesday, according to a letter published by state-run newspaper Granma.

cnn 9:23:00 AM CET

فیزارش خلویزیون فرانسه از کناره گیری قیدل کاسترو de en fr it nl

شبکه بین الملل فرانس 24 در برنامه ویژه ای به مناسبت کناره گیری قیدل کاسترو از قدرت در کوبا با تحلیلگر سیاسی خود به گفتگو برداشت. زان برادر کابینه تحلیلگر سیاسی این شبکه گفت دوره انتقالی پس از قیدل کاسترو در کوبا از مدتی پیش آغاز شده است. در 31 زوئی 2006 روی زمام قدرت را برادرش رافائل کاسترو سپرد و... iranpressnews 13:36:00 o'clock CET

Kuba: Fidel Castro gibt das Zepter ab en es fr it nl ar bg da et fa no pl pt ro ru sl sv tr

Der legendäre kubanische Staatschef verzichtet laut Online-Ausgabe der kommunistischen Parteizeitung auf die kleine Zeitung 10. Fidel Castro zrezygnował! de en es fr it nl

Przywódcy kubański Fidel Castro po 49 latach rządów zrezygnował we wtorek z funkcji przewodniczącego Rady Państwa Kuby. Fidel Castro renunciou à presidência de Cuba de en es fr it nl

Anúncio no órgão oficial do Partido Comunista cubano Fidel Castro anunciou hoje que se retira da Presidência do país. Fidel Castro se retrage de la presedintia Cubei de en es fr it nl

Fidel Castro anunat, marti, ca renunta la presedintia Cubei, in editia electronica a cotidianului Fidel Castro se je odpovedal položaju kubanskega predsednika de en es fr it nl

Kubanski voditelj Fidel Castro je danes sporočil, da se odpoveduje položaju predsednika države. Kot je Castro že zapisal v sporocilu, objavljenem v spletni izdaji uradnega glasila Granma, se ne poteguje in Värmby skakade hand med Fidel Castro. de en es fr it nl

- Ja. Jag har inte tvättat högernäven sedan dess, 1983. Jag var på en stor sammandragning på Kuba med uppmaningen att USA skulle häva blockaden mot landet. smp k 19:51 CET

Фидель Кастро отказался от поста председателя Госсовета Кубы de en fr it nl

ГАВАНА, 19 февраля. /ИТАР-ТАСС/. Фидель Кастро отказался от поста главы государства и правительства - председателя Государственного совета Кубы. Об этом он сообщил в обращении к

Fidel Castro går av de en es fr it nl

Partiav... som pr... styret stat... VG A Cuba, Fidel Castro renonce au pouvoir de en es it nl ar bg da et ru sl sv tr

Cuba, Fidel Castro rinuncia alla presidenza de en es fr nl ar bg da et ru sl sv tr

L'A Cubaanse president Fidel Castro afgetreden de en es fr it ar co ro ru sl sv tr

كاسترو يستقيل وبوشن يدعوه للتحمّل الديمقراطي في كوبا de en fr it nl

في مؤتمر صحفي في رواندا، إلى مساعدة كوبا على البدء بعملية "الانتقالديمقراطي"، وذلك بطلب الرعيم -- (CNN)--(هناك)، كوبا

فidel كاسترو، يتلاعى عن منصبه كرئيس للبلاد. وقال بوشن: "إن على المجتمع الدولي أن يعمل مع الشعب الكوبي للبلدة بإقامة مؤسسات

cnnarabic CET 01:21:00 ،

Castro se ottagli от президентского поста de en es fr it nl

Фидел Кастро обяви, че се отказва от президентския пост, съобщава АФП

Fogh vil ikke savne Castro de en es fr it nl

"Polit... berlin REPLIIK: Castro-aja lõpu algus de en es fr it nl

Üks 20. sajandi menukam vabadus-võitleja ja tuntum diktator Fidel

kui Nõukogude "gerondid", kelle jaoks tähenas lahkumine võimult ka

võim kestab vähemalt esiosa edasi, sest esimeseks asendajaks peeta

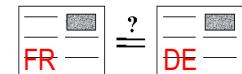
epi 23:17:00 CET

Raul Castro bakıyordu. hurriyetim 10:15:00 CET

# Introduction



European  
Commission



- How to find out whether two texts in different languages are related?
- Most common approach: use MT or bilingual dictionaries to translate into English, then use monolingual methods to calculate similarity.
  - Using MT (e.g. Leek et al. 1999, Pinto et al. 2009);
  - Using bilingual dictionaries (e.g. Wactlar 1999, Uriar & Loinaz 2007)
- Automatically produce bilingual word associations for bilingual document representation and document similarity calculation, e.g.
  - Bilingual Lexical Semantic Analysis (LSA) (Landauer & Littman 1991)
  - Kernel Canonical Correlation Analysis (KCCA) (Vinokourov et al. 2002)
  - Place documents in reference to position in comparable text collections (e.g. Wikipedia)
  - Cross-lingual Explicit Semantic Analysis (CL-ESA) (Potthast et al. 2008)

+ Achieved results are relatively good

- Bilingual approach is restricted to a few languages

Language pairs =  $N * (N - 1) / 2$  (N = number of languages)

20 NewsExplorer languages → 190 language pairs (380 language pair directions)!

- Alternative: use language-independent anchors:
  - Names of persons and organisations
  - Names of locations
  - Units of measurements:
    - Time
    - Speed
    - Temperature
    - Acceleration
  - Multilingual specialist dictionaries (Eurovoc for public administration, MeSH for medicine, etc.)
  - ...
- Normalise these expressions

→ Use as kind of an interlingua; no language pair-specific resource needed

- Similarly: Gupta et al. (2012) use Eurovoc and named entities

Steinberger Ralf, Bruno Pouliquen & Camelia Ignat (2004). **Providing cross-lingual information access with knowledge-poor methods**. In: Andrej Brodnik, Matjaž Gams & Ian Munro (eds.): **Informatica**. An international Journal of Computing and Informatics. Vol. 28-4, pp. 415-423. Special Issue 'Information Society in 2004'. ISSN: 0350-5596. The Slovene Society Informatika, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Steinberger Ralf (2011). **A survey of methods to ease the development of highly multilingual Text Mining applications**. *Language Resources and Evaluation Journal*, Springer (DOI 10.1007/s10579-011-9165-9).

## CL Document Similarity



## Language-independent anchors

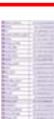
Libyan rebels continue westward push [67] de es fr it nl ar bg da et fa no pl pt ro ru sl sv sw tr

Language-independent features for multilingual document representation

No MT or bilingual dictionaries

20 languages

$$CLDS = \alpha \cdot S1 + \beta \cdot S2 + \gamma \cdot S3 + \delta \cdot S4$$



Sim1 (40%):  
Multilingual Eurovoc  
subject domains

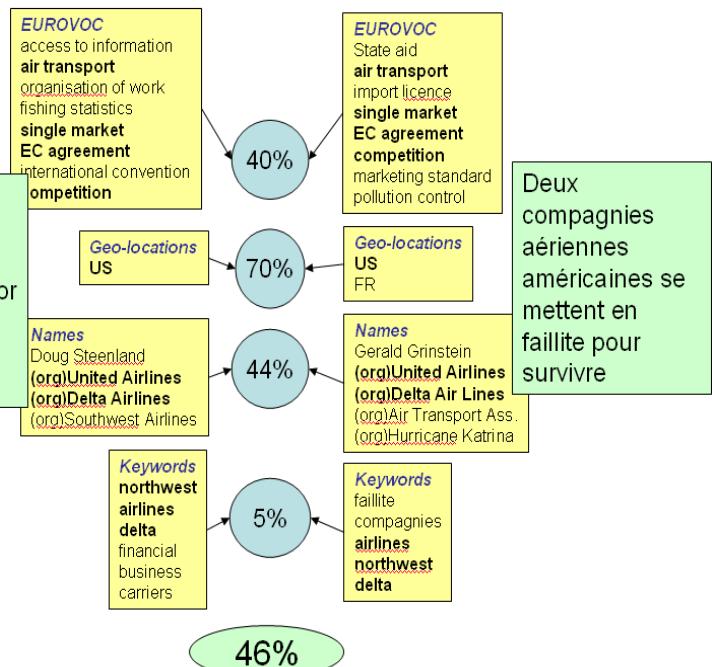
Sim2 (30%):  
Geo-locations

Sim3 (20%):  
Names + variants

Sim4 (10%):  
Cognates and numbers  
(without country score)

Keywords	Keyrecord
100.2478	Jackson
41.5407	United
37.9347	Delta
33.8191	airline
24.5193	moderation
20.8823	bankruptcy
18.7973	accessor
13.5945	courtroom
11.1232	protection
10.0838	ranch
9.6031	revenue

Northwest and Delta become the latest US airlines for file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.





- **Task:** evaluate manually the automatically proposed cross-lingual (CL) links

- At various similarity threshold levels
- ~25% of EN clusters had no cl links in FR and IT;
- Only highest-scoring link was evaluated;
- 30% threshold was finally chosen to ensure good Recall.

Similarity threshold	FR+	FR-	IT+	IT-
15 - 19%	0	7	0	1
20 - 29%	1	6	2	11
30 - 39%	5	6	7	8
40 - 49%	16	4	13	5
50 - 59%	19	1	18	6
60 - 100%	34	1	29	1
Accuracy at 30% threshold	R=99%	P=86%	R=97%	P=69%

- + Cluster was related
- Cluster was not (so) related

Pouliquen Bruno, Ralf Steinberger, Camelia Ignat, Emilia Käspér & Irina Temnikova (2004). **Multilingual and cross-lingual news topic tracking**. In: Proceedings of the 20<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Computational Linguistics (CoLing 2004), Vol. II, pages 959-965. Geneva, Switzerland, 23-27 August 2004.



- JEX is multilingual multi-label classification software
  - Using the controlled vocabulary from EuroVoc (>6,000 classes)
- EuroVoc (<http://eurovoc.europa.eu/>)
  - is used for *manual*/indexing by parliamentary libraries in EU institutions and in many EU countries
  - Exists in 22 official EU languages plus Basque, Catalan, Croatian, Russian and Serbian
- JEX is freely downloadable from <http://langtech.jrc.ec.europa.eu/Eurovoc.html>;
  - Readily trained for 22 languages
- JEX includes software to re-train the system
  - Training data is included in the release;
  - Allows you to run your own experiments and compare results / improve.
  - You can train on your own data, using other thesauri.

**EuroVoc** Multilingual Thesaurus of the European Union

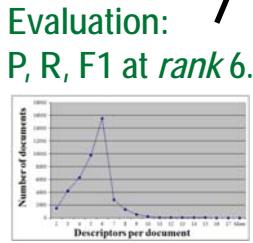
- Method: Profile-based category-ranking

- E.g. Result for a document with the title:

Legislative resolution embodying Parliament's opinion on the proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulation No 2847/93 establishing a control system applicable to the common fisheries policy

- E.g. profile for the EuroVoc category **FISHERY MANAGEMENT** /

<b>fishery_resource</b>	54.4721542368385
<b>fishing</b>	49.111563204862
<b>fish</b>	46.196436023147
<b>common_fishery_policy</b>	44.6741845971235
<b>fishery</b>	44.1911518447189
<b>fishing_activity</b>	43.3777671334009
<b>fly_the_flag</b>	42.8744724542378
<b>aquaculture</b>	39.2749719215554
<b>conservation</b>	38.3480454820621
<b>vessel</b>	37.911138722495
<b>fishing_vessel</b>	37.8343365844963
<b>catch</b>	36.8503034704154
<b>fish_stock</b>	34.5283935973103
<b>tags</b>	34.222452656212



<u>Descriptor text</u>	<u>Cosine</u>	<u>Rank Cosine</u>
FISHING CONTROLS [G]	0.360	1
FISHING GROUNDS [nt]	0.308	2
COMMON FISHERIES POLICY [G]	0.280	3
FISHERY MANAGEMENT [nt]	0.279	4
FISHING REGULATIONS [G]	0.270	5
FISHING PERMIT [G]	0.261	6
CONSERVATION OF FISH STOCKS [S]	0.253	7
FISHING AREA [G]	0.252	8
CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES [S]	0.251	9
FISHERY RESOURCES	0.232	10
CATCH OF FISH	0.213	11
FISHERIES POLICY	0.203	12
FISHING LICENCE	0.181	13
FISHING FLEET	0.179	14
FISHING INDUSTRY	0.176	15
EUROPECHE	0.176	16

# JEX evaluation

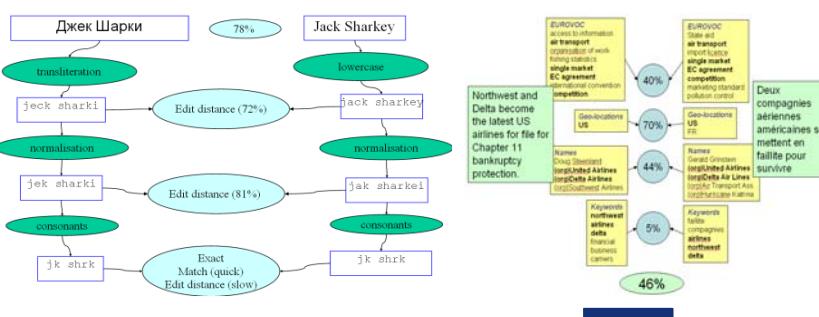
# for 22 languages

Language	Precision	Recall	F1	F1 dynamic rank	Categories / collection	Average categories trained	Stop words used (+MW)	Total number of documents	Document length (words) ± std-dev	All categories trained
BG	0.4619	0.5120	0.4857	0.4940	3780	2049.9	332	22696	786.96±2784.72	2147
CS	0.4689	0.5205	0.4933	0.4990	3691	2035.7	137	22830	890.66±3317.10	2129
DA	0.4747	0.5491	0.5092	0.5170	4226	2655	858	41727	561.87±1875.19	2752
DE	0.4732	0.5485	0.5081	0.5187	4230	<b>2683.9</b>	1793	41676	566.67±1945.44	<b>2783</b>
EL	0.4632	0.5369	0.4973	0.5118	4214	2486.4	105	41103	778.05±2379.45	2605
EN	0.4801	0.5547	0.5147	0.5227	4229	2324.1	<b>1972 (+545)</b>	41672	309.28±1176.39	2430
ES	0.4801	0.5545	0.5147	0.5188	4221	2297	481 (+264)	41397	547.63±1819.14	2406
ET	0.4828	0.5358	0.5079	0.5139	3662	2047.8	1533	21989	652.22±2193.32	2147
FI	0.4654	0.5341	0.4974	0.5081	4103	2528.8	92	38293	756.70±2565.81	2634
FR	0.4776	0.5536	0.5128	0.5227	<b>4234</b>	2588.7	1180	<b>41989</b>	663.33±2204.28	2688
HU	<b>0.5121</b>	<b>0.5654</b>	<b>0.5374</b>	<b>0.5444</b>	3585	<b>1688.5</b>	1228 (+709)	20838	551.66±1977.14	<b>1788</b>
IT	0.4713	0.5464	0.5061	0.5151	<b>4234</b>	2584.4	219	41838	764.57±2808.31	2688
LT	0.4920	0.5454	0.5174	0.5239	3635	1945.7	1199	21505	644.53±2724.18	2046
LV	0.4659	0.5175	0.4904	0.4968	3690	2011	14	22803	894.59±3012.39	2106
MT	<b>0.4200</b>	<b>0.4545</b>	<b>0.4366</b>	<b>0.4416</b>	<b>3584</b>	1762.3	<b>6</b>	<b>17858</b>	1016.99±2685.11	1864
NL	0.4803	0.5562	0.5155	0.5257	4232	2610.2	1414	41816	581.94±1819.66	2713
PL	0.4794	0.5311	0.5039	0.5077	3648	1967.1	125	22004	841.81±2795.35	2066
PT	0.4756	0.5493	0.5098	0.5237	4209	2560.6	1152	41142	700.46±2138.01	2663
RO	0.4550	0.5043	0.4784	0.4817	3887	2109.3	1504 (+48)	25023	994.17±3083.16	2206
SK	0.4705	0.5204	0.4942	0.4995	3645	1938.4	364	21406	872.53±3241.50	2050
SL	0.4840	0.5341	0.5078	0.5205	3685	2013.1	2068	22289	627.56±2669.38	2119
SV	0.4787	0.5473	0.5107	0.5194	4109	2546.4	1093	38198	609.82±2365.26	2649

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    - Named entity (NE) matching across languages
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Bashar Assad



# Translation spotting



# using EuroVoc indexing

**Task:** find Spanish translations of English source document in a parallel text collection

by calculating the cosine similarity between document's EuroVoc vectors.

Is the document's translation the most similar document in the other language?

	Search space	Without length factor	With length factor
Simple document similarity (DS)	820 Es	90.61%	96.83%
DS considering the length of documents	820 Es	00.12%	01.71%
Different text type	795 Es	84.28%	90.31%
Mixed-language search space	410 Es + 410 En	69.68%	81.91%
DS correcting mono-lingual bias (83%)	410 Es + 410 En	92.91%	96.82%

## Precision at rank 1.

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# Translation spotting



# Is there a translation?

- Setting a threshold, juggling Precision and Recall



Test bed	Average similarity	Threshold	Recall	Noise (1-Precision)
Set T1 (820)	0.82	0.70	90%	2.2%
Set T2 (795)	0.79	0.70	76.5%	5%

- Searching for a translation where there is none:
    - Searching in T2 for documents of T1  
→ 4.15% noise
  - Best threshold depends on:
    - Document set
    - Requirement: high recall or high precision?

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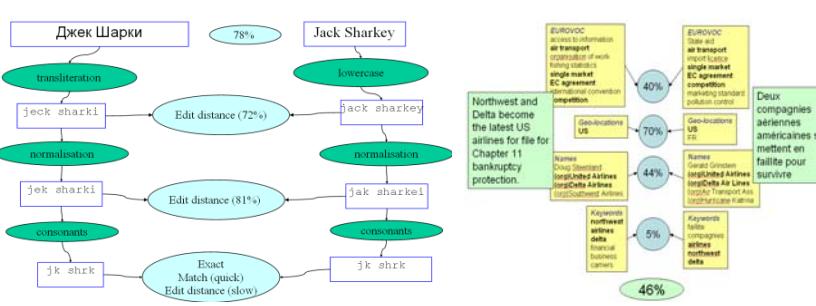


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- Software to multi-label classify documents according to the multilingual Eurovoc thesaurus:
    - 22 languages, thousands of categories;
    - JEX uses machine learning;
    - Tool can be re-trained on users' documents, also for non-Eurovoc categories
    - User interface and command-line options
    - Tool is used for **cross-lingual linking of news** in EMM-NewsExplorer
    - In use by the Spanish *Congress of Deputies* for interactive indexing since 2006.



JEX - C:\Documents and Settings\brahim\My Documents\English\enclxx\_3200000020.xml

<b>human nutrition</b>	<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?> <document celex="32000D0020" lang="en" ver="2.3">   <p sid="1">2000/20/EC Commission Decision of 10 December 1999 establishing health certificates for the importation from third countries of gelatine intended for <b>human consumption</b> and of raw materials destined for the production of gelatine intended for <b>human consumption</b> (notified under document number C(1999) 3989) (Text with EEA relevance)</p> <title> <text> <p sid="2"><COMMISSION DECISION></p> <p sid="3"> of 10 December 1999</p> <p sid="4">establishing health certificates for the importation from third countries of gelatine intended for <b>human consumption</b> and of raw materials destined for the production of gelatine intended for <b>human consumption</b> </p> <p sid="5">(notified under document number C(1999) 3989)</p> <p sid="6">(Text with EEA relevance)</p> <p sid="7">(2000/20/EC)</p> <p sid="8">THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,</p> <p sid="9">Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,</p> <p sid="10">Having regard to Council Directive 92/118/EEC of 17 December 1992 laying down <b>animal health</b> and <b>public health</b> requirements governing trade in and entry into the Community of products not subject to the said requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A to Directive 98/68/EEC and, as regards pathogens, to Directive 90/425/EEC</p>
<b>health certificate</b>	
<b>health legislation</b>	
<b>health control</b>	
<b>animal product</b>	
<b>veterinary inspection</b>	
<b>human</b>	
<b>consumption</b>	
<b>eea</b>	
<b>animal</b>	
<b>accompanied</b>	
<b>pic</b>	
<b>gelatine</b>	
<b>health</b>	
<b>file</b>	

Show associates  Highlight associates

## Name variant list and software to recognise names

- **JRC-Names:** a highly multilingual named entity resource (names and their many spelling variants, including across scripts):
    - Collected by analysing up to 150,000 news articles per day in up to 20 languages since 2004
    - Augmented with cross-script variants from Wikipedia, resulting in currently: ~500K person and organisation names and their spelling variants
    - In 27 scripts and many more languages



# Freely available resources



# Parallel corpora

## Possible uses:

- Train statistical machine translation software;
- Train multilingual vector space models (e.g. LSA or KCCA);
- Derive multilingual dictionaries;
- ...

## Data already available (22 languages each):

- |              |                           |   |
|--------------|---------------------------|---|
| • JRC-Acquis | full-text parallel corpus | (domain: mostly legal; agreements; contracts) |
| • DGT-TM     | Translation Memory        | (domain: mostly legal)                        |
| • JEX data   | full-text parallel corpus | (domain: legislation)                         |

## Forthcoming (25, 25, 23 languages):

- |              |                           |  |
|--------------|---------------------------|--|
| • EAC-TM     | Translation Memory        | (domain: education and culture)          |
| • ECDC-TM    | Translation Memory        | (domain: public health and medicine)     |
| • DGT-Acquis | full-text parallel corpus | (domain: legal, administration and more) |

• See: [http://langtech.jrc.ec.europa.eu/JRC\\_Resources.html](http://langtech.jrc.ec.europa.eu/JRC_Resources.html)

# Accessible resource



# multilingual news clusters

## NewsExplorer

News Analysis  
RSS RSS feed for the latest news summary  
Daily News Analysis, across languages and over time

## NewsExplorer



Meta-data for news clusters and their equivalences in other languages are accessible via RSS.

The screenshot shows the EMM NewsExplorer interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for 'EMM NewsBrief' and 'EMM NewsExplorer'. Below that is a search bar with 'Name Search' and 'Text Search' options. The main area displays a world map with red dots indicating news sources. A sidebar on the left shows a 'Main Menu' with 'News Summary' and 'About EMM NewsExplorer'. It also includes a 'News language and date' section set to 'en - English' and a date selector for 'Sep 12, 2012'. A 'Timeline' section shows a bar chart of story counts for the month. The central content area is titled 'Wednesday, September 12' and features several news items:

- Court to rule on German role in bailout**: Federal Constitutional Court will decide whether countries.
- Stock futures up ahead of ESM ruling**: Intraday 8:57:00 AM CEST.
- Stocks up, U.S. debt down on German court rule**: news.yahoo 4:53:00 PM CEST.
- S&P Group welcomes decision by German Federal Constitutional Court**: pse 1:34:00 PM CEST.
- German Court Backs Euro Rescue Fund**: IHT 11:23:00 AM CEST.
- Eurozone worries ease on German court's bailo**: csmonitor 5:13:00 PM CEST.
- Germany's highest court approves creation of euro rescue fund**: guardian 2:30:00 PM CEST.

The screenshot shows the 'News Explorer' RSS feed interface for 'Wednesday, 12. September 2012'. It features a large magnifying glass icon. The feed lists various news items from different sources in multiple languages:

- Mittwoch, 12. September 2012**
  - Karlsruhe genehmigt ESM mit Auflagen**: bg da en es fr it nl no pl pt ro ru sl sv. Urteil zu Euro-Schirm Das Bundesverfassungsgericht hat den Beitritt Deutschlands zum Euro-Rettungsschirm mit Vorbehalten genehmigt. Es müsse sichergestellt werden, dass die Haftung Deutschlands auf die vereinbarten 190 Milliarden Euro beschränkt bleibe, sagte Gerichtspräsident Andreas Voßkuhle. Damit blieben die Klagen überwiegend erfolglos. Heute 10:40 Uhr MESZ
  - ESM-Urteil: Die Euro-Partner atmen auf – und blicken nach Madrid**: ElMorgenpost 18:44 Uhr MESZ. Niederlande: Rechtsliberale knapp vor Sozialdemokraten. Heute 22:08 Uhr MESZ
  - Wiener Rentenmarkt a**: leichter. e24 18:22 Uhr MESZ
  - Deutsches Verfassung**: Vorbehalten zu Salzburger 10:35 Uhr MESZ
  - Deutschland gibt Grün**: kommt im Oktober Salzburger 12:51 Uhr MESZ
  - ESM-Vertrag - Karlsru**: Kata 14:50 Uhr MESZ
  - Karlsruher ESM-Urt**: End ft-deutschland 16:31 Uhr
  - Karlsruher sagt Ja mit**: baz 11:27 Uhr MESZ
  - Permanent Bailou**: tgo spiegel-en 11:19:00 Uhr
  - Ka**: (r) 11F
- mercoledì 12 settembre 2012**
  - La Corte tedesca approva il Fondo salva stati (con le condizioni per l'uso)**: [La giornata] ar bg da de en es fr nl no pl pt ro sl sv. I mercati hanno smesso di trattenerne il fiato pensando alla sentenza della Corte Costituzionale tedesca. Oggi nella sonnacchiosa cittadina di Karlsruhe (Baden-Württemberg) i giudici hanno deciso che il fondo salvo stati Esm e il Patto di stabilità (Fiscal Compact) non sono anticonstituzionali per la... IlFoglio 11.34.00 CEST
  - Euro vola a 1,2902dlr dopo corte tedesca**: ansa 11.05.00 CEST. La Corte di Berlino approva l'Esm: contributo limitato a 190 miliardi. Merkel: forte segnale per l'Europa - IlSole24ore 12.40.00 CEST
  - Perché Monti adesso teme che i suoi sforzi siano "vanificati"**: [La giornata] Crisi: Monti, sentenza Corte tedesca ottima notizia adnkronos 15.05.00 CEST
  - Salva-Stati, Ok con condizioni dalla Corte tedesca. Contributo tedesco limitato a 190 miliardi**: ansa 10.33.00 CEST
  - Fondo salvastati, la Consulta tedesca dice si**: libero-news 10.59.00 CEST
  - Esm, Alta Corte: queste le condizioni**: rai-televisione 11.04.00 CEST

# Summary



- Monolingual plagiarism detection work at the JRC
  - N-gram overlap; varying search and visualisation methods
- Cross-lingual similarity calculation at the JRC
  - Named entity matching across languages
  - Linking related news items across languages
  - Identifying translations of documents
- JRC's multilingual tools and resources
  - JRC-Names – multilingual name variant lists
  - JEX – EuroVoc subject domain classification
  - Parallel corpora: JRC-Acquis and various translation memories
  - Cross-lingual linking of news clusters in NewsExplorer

