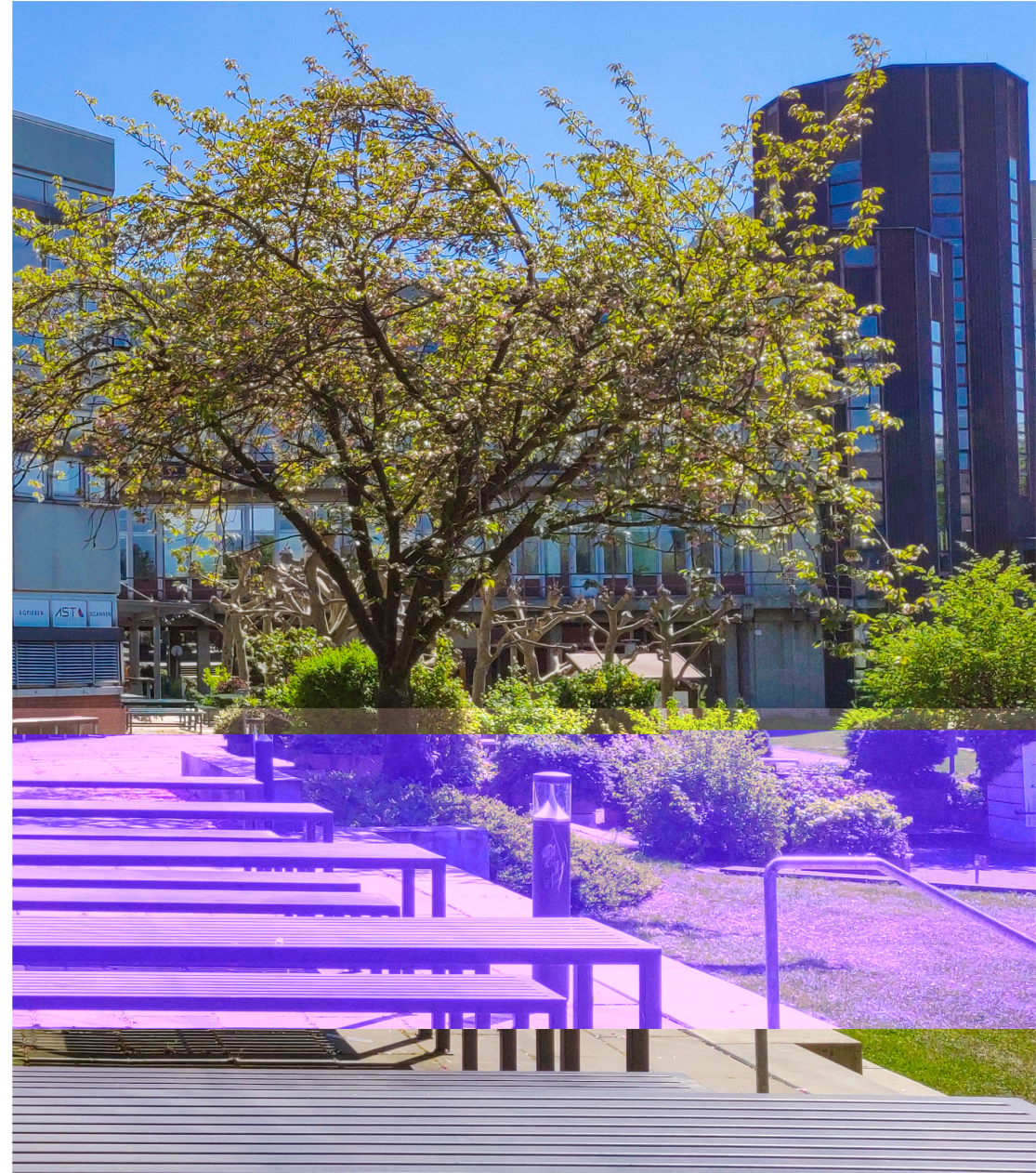




# Paderborn University's Translation Office

International Tuesdays, 2 July 2024

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# Who Are We?





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## **Who Are We: Paderborn University's Translation Office**





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## What Do We Do?





## What Do We Do: The Basics

- Our Translation Office **supports** Paderborn University's ongoing **internationalisation process**
  - Increasing **international visibility** and **orientation** by, e.g.:
    - **strengthening the University's attractiveness** as a research and study location for international students, researchers, and visiting academics
    - increasing the number of international researchers and visiting academics, international students, and exchange students (incoming)
    - strengthening the University's **welcome culture**

(cf. Hochschulentwicklungsplan (Paderborn University's strategic development plan) and Internationalisierungsstrategie (Paderborn University's internationalisation strategy))





## What Do We Do: Examples

### Employees

- Key documents and contents issued by the Executive Board and the central administration
- CampusNews (Introduction, teasers)
- Circular e-mails by the Executive Board
- Doctoral degree regulations
- Key landing pages (e.g. research, teaching, transfer, etc.)

### General UPB Projects

- Editorial guidelines for web content (coming soon)
- Corporate identity content (within the UPB Brand Portal)
- Important key press releases
- Advice

### Students

- Key contents and documents issued by the Executive Board and the central administration (e.g. Campus management glossary)
- Circular e-mails by the Executive Board

### Background Activities

- German-English glossary
- Uniform English representation of the University
- Creation and maintenance of translation database
- Close cooperation with central bodies within the University
- Quality monitoring
- "Lenkungskreis Übersetzungen" (UPB working group for translations)
- Participation in implementing a language policy
- Networking with university translators in Germany



## What Do We Not Do?

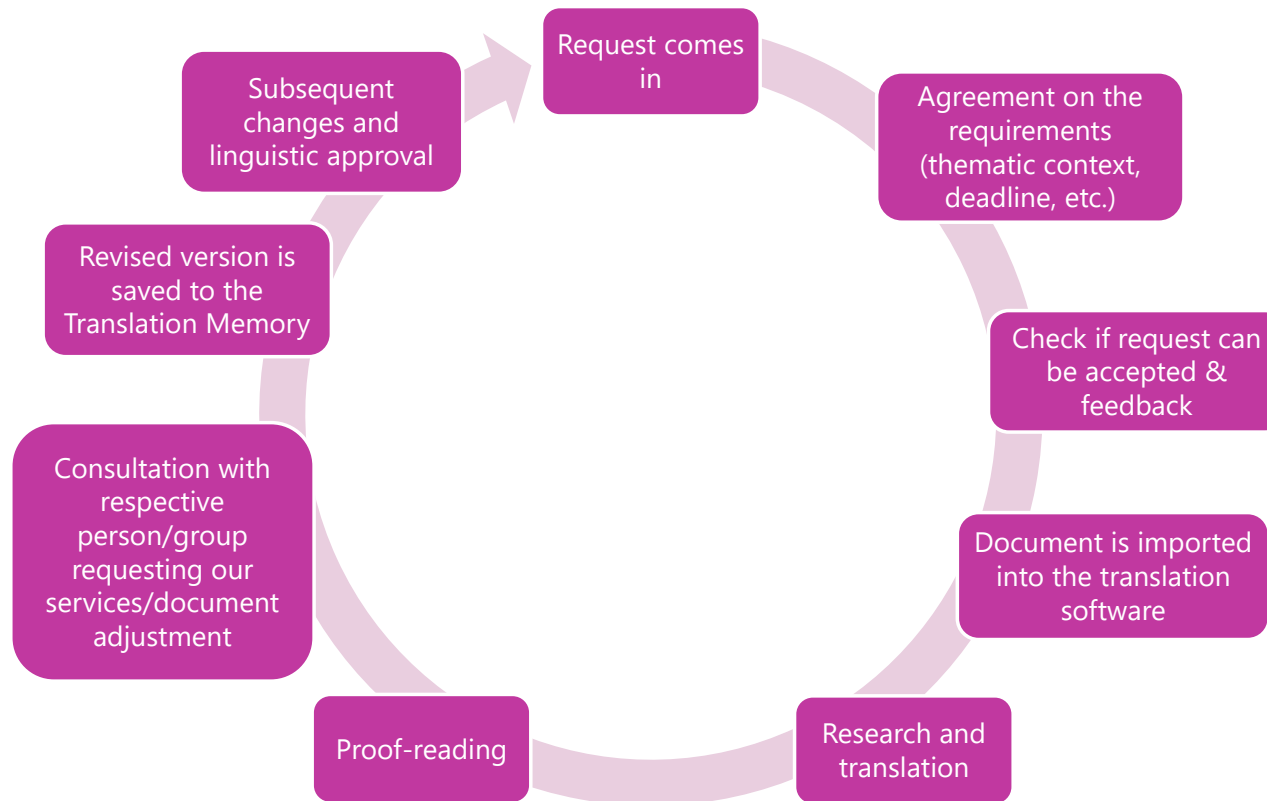
- Translation of **academic texts** (applications for third-party funding, academic publications, dissertations, etc.)
- Translation of documents from individual **faculties** and **institutes**, e.g. examination regulations (exception: faculty regulations, doctoral degree regulations, habilitation regulations, etc.)
- **Legal** translations
- Translation/editing for **students** and **researchers**
- Translation/editing for **languages other than English**

## How Do We Work?



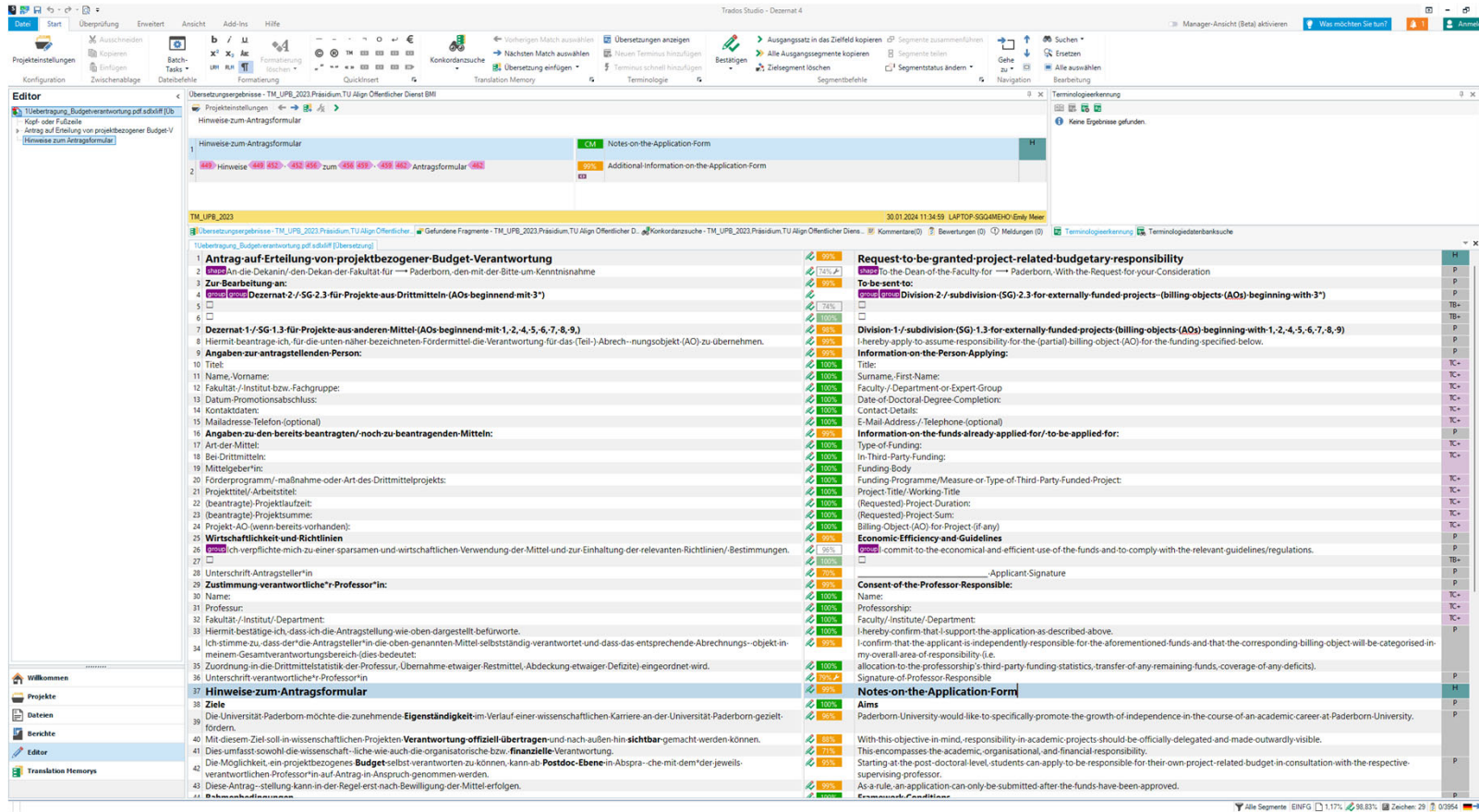


## How Do We Work: Our Translation Workflow





# How Do We Work: Our Translation Software "TRADOS"



The screenshot displays the TRADOS Studio software interface. The main window shows a list of translation segments with their corresponding German and English text, along with quality scores. The segments include:

- Hinweise zum Antragsformular** (Notes on the Application Form)
- Hinweise zum Antragsformular** (Additional Information on the Application Form)
- Antrag-auf-Erteilung-von-projektbezogener-Budget-Verantwortung** (Request-to-be-granted-project-related-budgetary-responsibility)
- Zur-Beurteilung-an:** (To-be-sent-to:)
- Dezernat 2-/SG-2.3 für Projekte aus Drittmitteln** (Division 2-/subdivision (SG) 2.3 for externally-funded-projects- (billing objects (AOs) beginning with 3\*))
- Dezernat 1-/SG-1.3 für Projekte aus anderen Mittel** (Division 1-/subdivision (SG) 1.3 for externally-funded-projects- (billing objects (AOs) beginning with 1-2,4,5,6,7,8,9))
- Angaben-zur-antragstellenden-Person:** (Information-on-the-Person-Applying:)
- Angaben-zu-den-bereits-beantragten-noch-zu-beantragenden-Mitteln:** (Information-on-the-funds-already-applied-for/-to-be-applied-for:)
- Wirtschaftlichkeit-und-Richtlinien** (Economic-Efficiency-and-Guidelines)
- Zustimmung-verantwortliche\*in-Professor\*in:** (Consent-of-the-Professor-Responsible:)
- Hinweise-zum-Antragsformular** (Notes-on-the-Application-Form)
- Ziele** (Aims)

The interface also shows a sidebar with navigation options like 'Editor', 'Dateien', and 'Berichte'. The bottom status bar indicates the current segment is 'EINFÜGUNG' with a quality score of 1.17% and 58.63%.





## How Do We Work: Our Translation Software “TRADOS”

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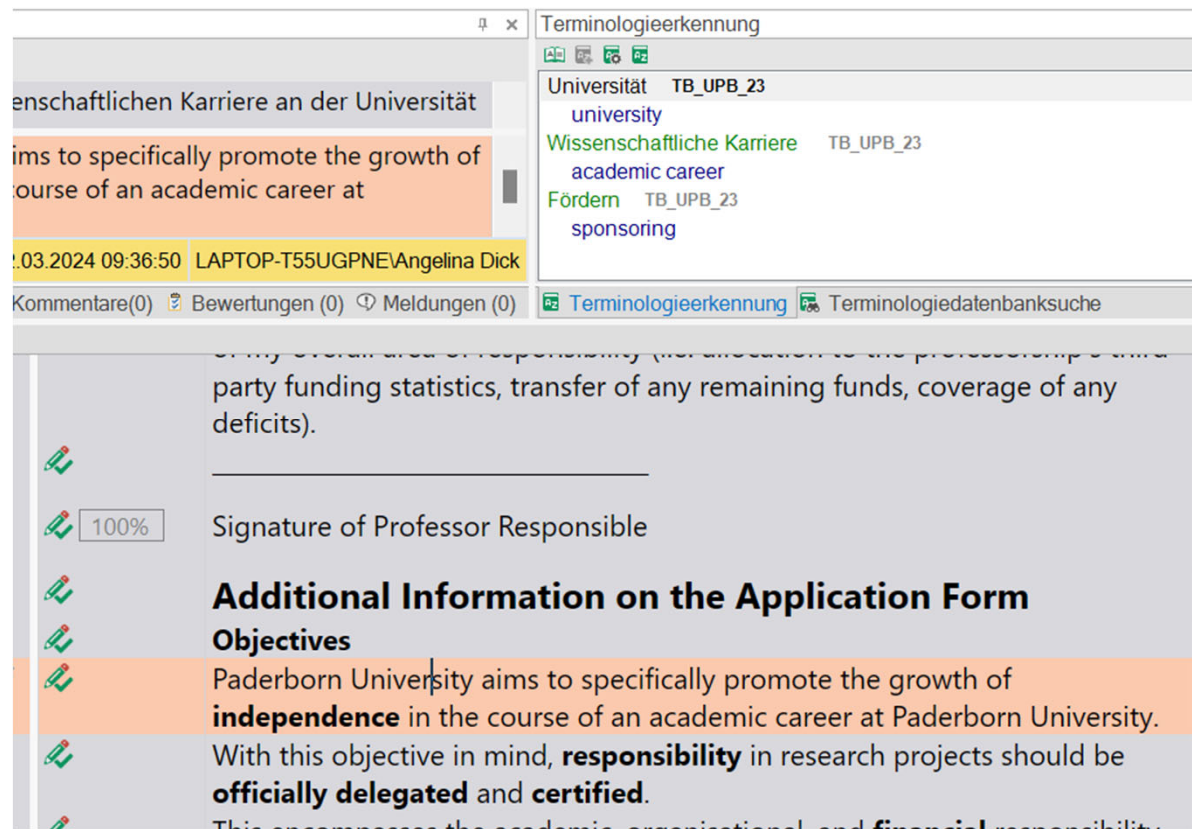


## How Do We Work: Our Translation Software “TRADOS”

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## How Do We Work: Our Translation Software “TRADOS”



Terminologieerkennung

Universität TB\_UPB\_23  
university

Wissenschaftliche Karriere TB\_UPB\_23  
academic career

Fördern TB\_UPB\_23  
sponsoring

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party funding statistics, transfer of any remaining funds, coverage of any deficits).

Signature of Professor Responsible

**Additional Information on the Application Form**

**Objectives**

Paderborn University aims to specifically promote the growth of **independence** in the course of an academic career at Paderborn University.

With this objective in mind, **responsibility** in research projects should be **officially delegated** and **certified**.

This encompasses the academic, organisational, and financial responsibility.



## Translation in Numbers



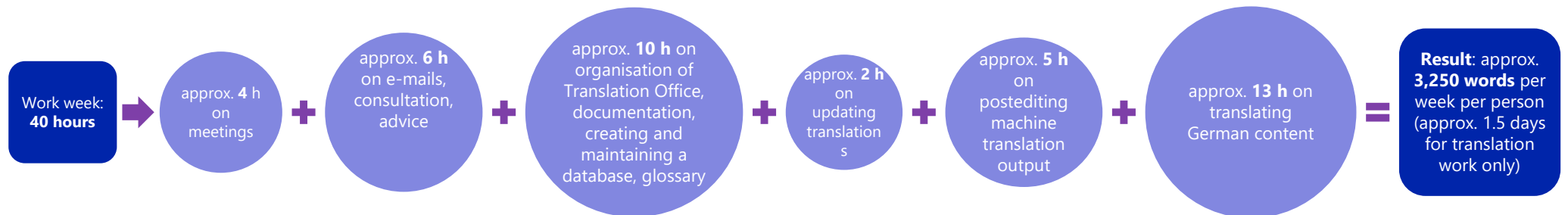


## Translation in Numbers: Translation Speed

This is how fast a translator works:

**250** words per uninterrupted hour + time spent on research + maintaining a terminology database, if necessary

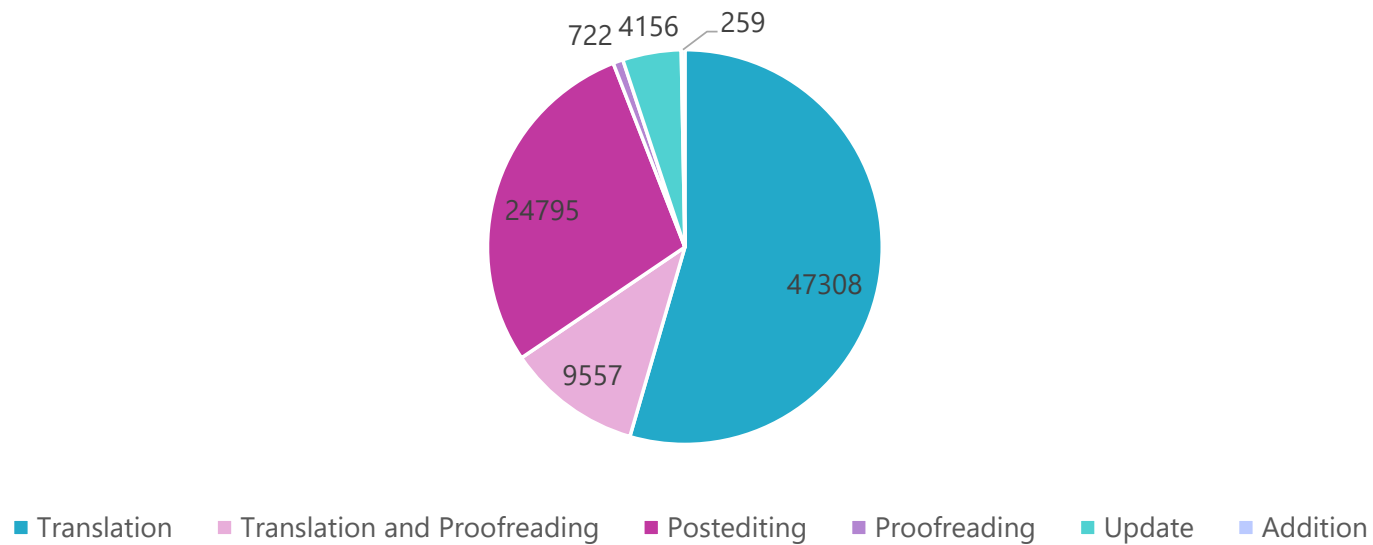
**Example calculation:** How many uninterrupted hours does a translator have in a week?





## Translation in Numbers: Translation Volume 2023-2024

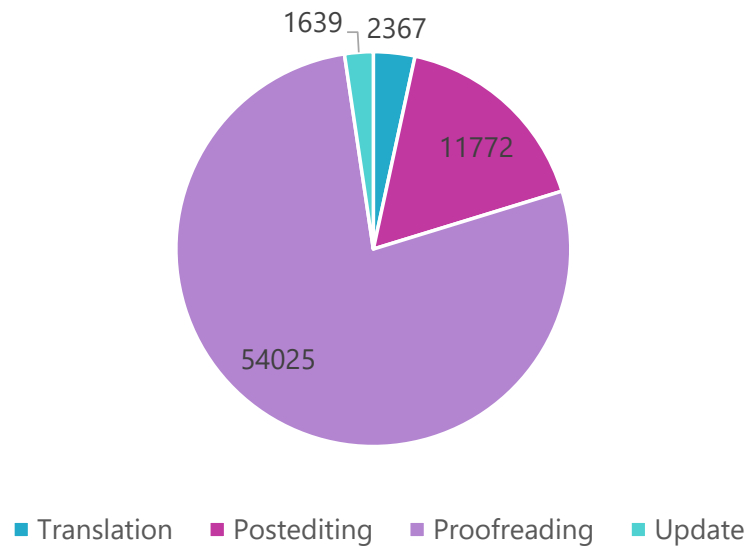
Completed Translation Requests April 2023-March 2024 (86,979 Words)





## Translation in Numbers: Translation Volume April 2024-June 2024

Completed Translation Requests April 2024-June 2024 (69,803 Words)



## Current Projects





# Current Projects: Paderborn University's German-English Glossary

## Why Does Paderborn University Need its Own Glossary?

- Dictionaries and glossaries released by other universities or institutions like the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) can be utilised to **supplement** and **improve** the University's corporate wording
- Dictionaries often suggest **several ways** to translate **one** term, e.g. the dictionary for higher education institutions (Hochschulwörterbuch) by Siepmann lists **seven** different English translations for the German word '*Dekan*'
- Dictionaries do not always clearly identify **British English/American English** vocabulary, e.g. the Siepmann dictionary suggests the American English spelling for words, such as '*organization*' and '*grant program*' without explicitly stating which variety of English is being used.
- An English translation cannot always be adapted into the **German higher education context**, e.g. '*PhD*'
- Without a glossary, it is almost impossible to select **one fixed set of translations** for Paderborn University's corporate wording
- A lot of the same words are chosen by various higher education institutions in Germany. Simultaneously, the majority of higher education institutions suggests **different solutions** for various German and English terms. This shows, that **professional** and **linguistic** expertise are both necessary in translation work
- e.g. What is a '*Lehrkraft für besondere Aufgaben*' and which translation would be the most fitting?
- EN: e.g. (administrative) department/division/directorate for the German term '*Dezernat*'



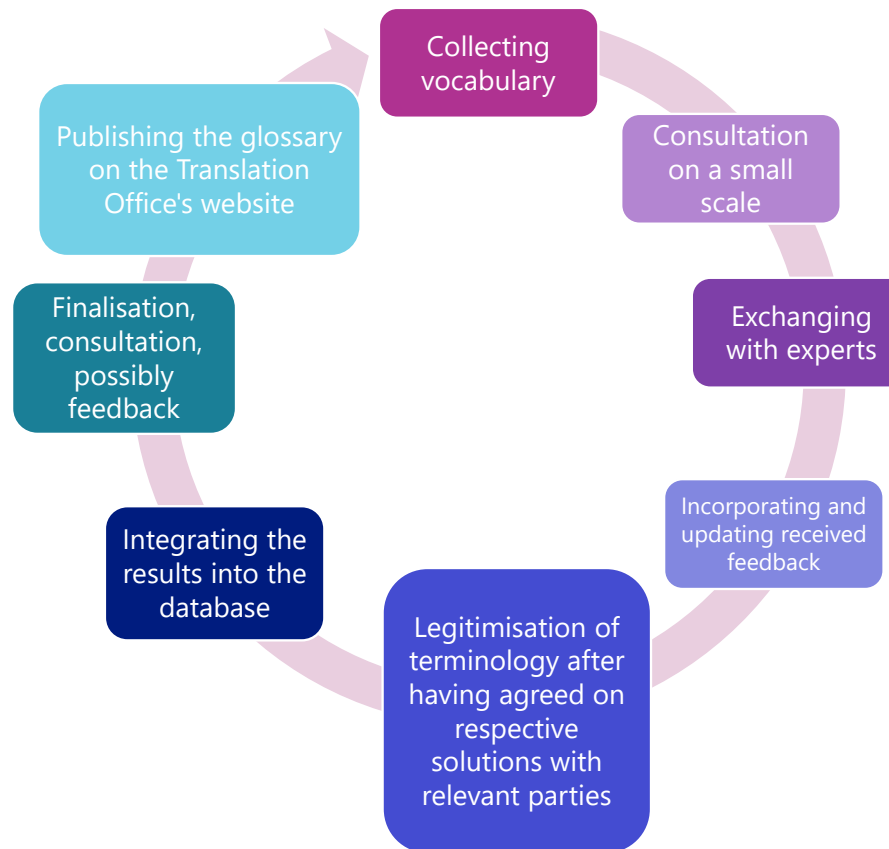
## Current Projects: Paderborn University's German-English Glossary

### Why Does Paderborn University Need its Own Glossary?

- Certain translations are the result of a considerable amount of thought, expertise, and intuition, e.g.: how does one translate different examination types (e.g. term paper, written assignment, independent assignment, or essay)?
- **Without a glossary:** Negotiations and consultations on vocabulary continually resurface → the consequence of this is: inconsistency and confusion (e.g. Vice President or Vice-President?)
- **With a glossary:** Terminology is definitively fixed and remains consistent until content or structural changes occur
- Increase in the University's **competitiveness** (similar to open commerce)
- **Our objective:** Creating a glossary customised to Paderborn University, which contains frequently used words as well as key words that one may not be able to find in dictionaries



## Current Projects: Paderborn University's German-English Glossary – Process







## Current Projects: CampusNews

### CampusNews:

- News about current events at UPB for employees
- Until recently, CampusNews was only available in German; first bilingual issue released in July 2024
- 3 levels : Introduction (level 1), teasers (level 2), CampusNews articles (level 3)

### →With the support of the Translation Office:

Translation of the introduction (level 1)

Postediting of machine-translated teasers (level 2)

- CampusNews articles (level 3) automatically translated by DeepL



# Current Projects: English Version of Paderborn University's Editorial Guidelines

## Purpose:

- Information on basic guidelines and tips for English digital communication at Paderborn University
- Uniform English representation of Paderborn University on its websites

## Answers to the following questions, among others:

- What do we call our University in English?
- How do I phrase English texts on my websites (active/passive voice, gender-neutral language, fluency, address, SEO)?
- Which variety of English do I use? American English? British English?
- How do I use abbreviations correctly (e.g. UPB, e.g./i.e., Dr./Dr, etc.)?
- How do I write times or dates in English?
- How do I use special characters in English (e.g. \$, &, %, €)?
- Which type of quotation marks do I use?



## Current Projects: The Translation Office's Website

<https://www.uni-paderborn.de/en/university/international-relations/translation-office>

# Thank You for Your Attention

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