

## **Languages Service Sectoral Assembly (LSSA)**

### **Minutes of the seventh meeting of the Bureau<sup>1</sup>**

Held via videoconference on Tuesday, 24 January 2023, from 2.45 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.

**Attendees:** Anna Aleksandrova (RTS), Marine Acker (FTS), Joanna Bartlett (ETS), Esma Belfalah (ATS), Jianjun Chen (CTS), Antia Collazo Ageitos (STS), Pauline Escalante (EDPU), Laura Johnson (President), Cristina Parrondo (STS)

1. **The President** briefed the Bureau on the latest developments regarding the implementation of the translators' workload standard, including staff reactions to the DGACM townhall, the result the vote of no confidence, the delay in the implementation of reprise discounting and the Tribunal case. **The Bureau** discussed possible next steps following the vote.
2. **The Bureau members** discussed the upcoming DCM Staff Relations Management Group (SRMG) and the agenda items submitted, including sustainable solutions to the translation backlog and lateral moves for P-3 staff.
3. **The Bureau members** discussed the best way to approach the discussion of "practices applied only in certain translation sections", which would be presented at SRMG by a Bureau member from the section from which such complaints were most often received.
4. **The Bureau** was informed of the response received from the Chief of LS regarding the recruitment of new staff in the Arabic Translation Section and the cause of delays, namely that the competitive examination was ongoing and a TJO had been advertised in the meantime.
5. **The Bureau** was informed that the recent change to the Arabic font used in eLUNa, which had been unpopular among users, would be reversed following intervention by the focal points.
6. **The President** informed the Bureau of an upcoming meeting with the Chief of LS relating to the unfairness caused by applying the editing standard based on English to languages with lower wordcounts.

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