Corporate Language Management at Daimler AG - Role and Challenges -

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"Language is a means of transport: like the train that takes goods from Leipzig to Dresden, it carries thoughts from one head to another"

Wilhelm Ostwald (1853-1932), German chemist, physicist and philosopher



→ and these days we even go to China, Vietnam and Ukraine.

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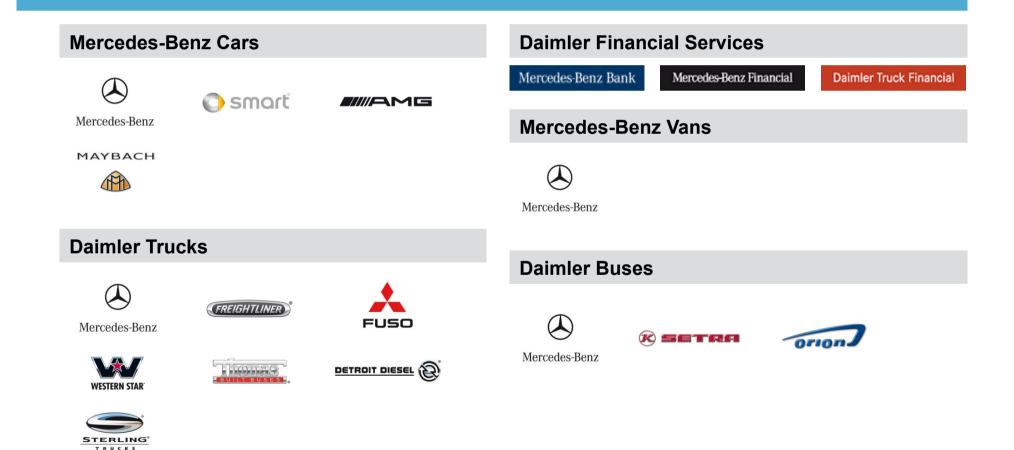
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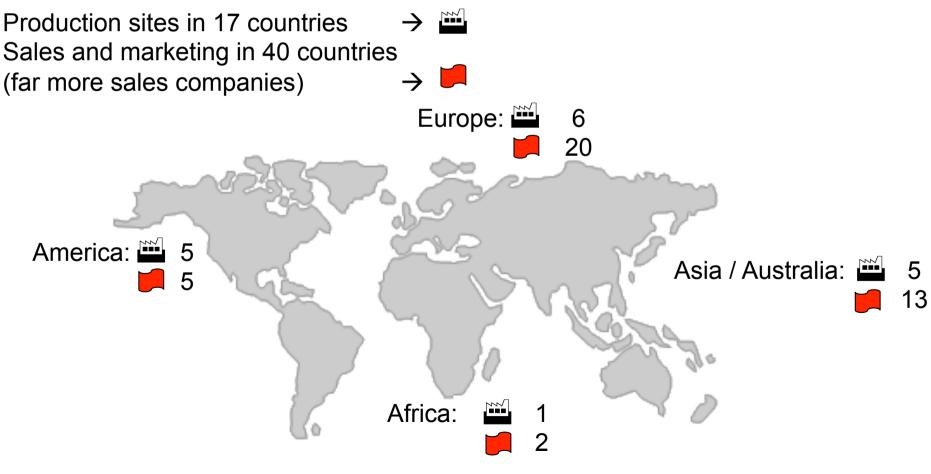
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Corporate Language Management (CFM/LM) The role of Corporate Language Management

CLM/LM at Daimler is responsible for designing, integrating and managing the multilingual communication of all information processes across the Group.

Authors

over 200 communication processes across Group

Corporate Language Management

Publication

across all media types: Print, multimedia, verbal communication

Information users

- vehicle customers
- •employees in core business areas
- •employees in functional units

Functional units, development, production

corporate
terminology,
translations,
interpreting,
voice-over
translation

E. g. Telematics, annual report



Marketing information

Customer information,
After sales

E. g. press information, sales literature



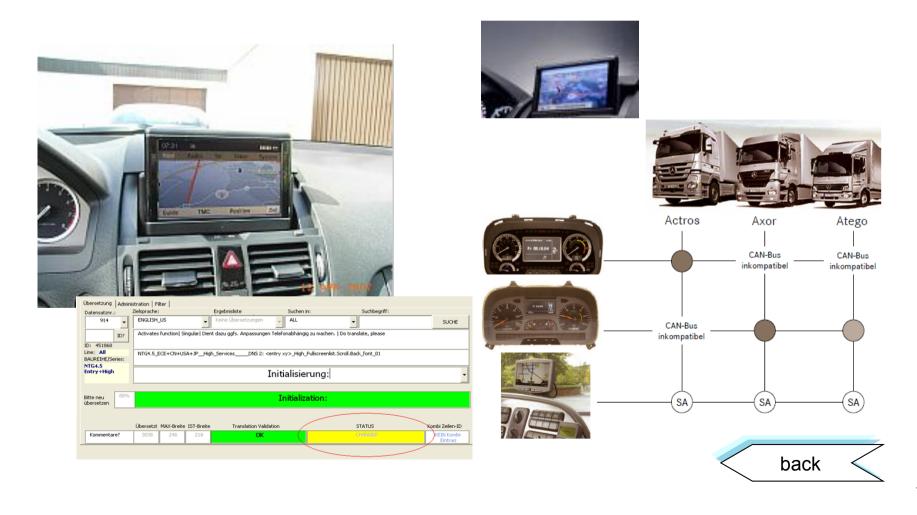
Owner's manuals, Workshop information



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CFM/LM range of services, example: telematics.



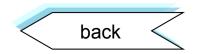
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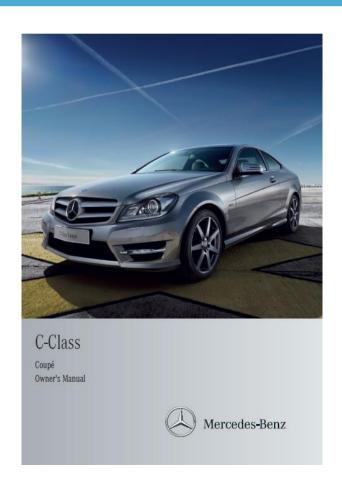




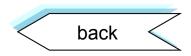


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Corporate Language Management (CFM/LM) The role of Corporate Language Management

The role of Corporate Language Management is to provide comprehensive planning and management for all multilingual communication processes.

- To assume process responsibility (strategy process/definition and specification of interfaces)
- To be responsible for the global provision of appropriate information, data and communication content for all corporate units within the specified quality, cost and time parameters
- To avoid exposure to liability by ensuring translation accuracy (correct instructions, contractual liability)
- To be responsible for planning and decision-making processes (involvement of partners)
- To ensure the innovation of language processes and multilingual data systems and processes across core processes and divisions
- To report within the line structure and to committees

Corporate Language Management (CFM/LM) The role of Corporate Language Management

Optimal, stable processes and process standardization are the basis for the smooth running of international communication at Daimler.

- Operating a service strategy and implementing process development
- Managing suppliers to ensure efficient and effective provision of services
- Ensuring the standardization and consistency of corporate terminology for all languages and topics (technology, marketing, legal, etc.)

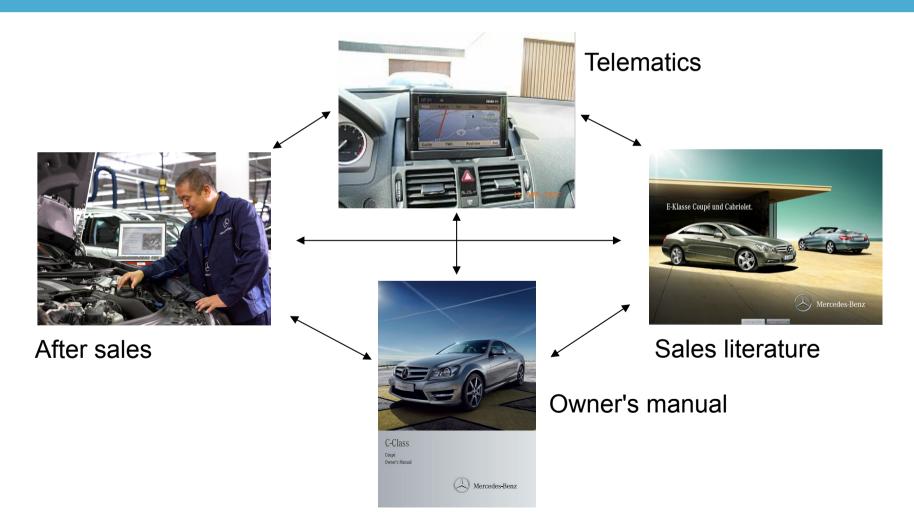
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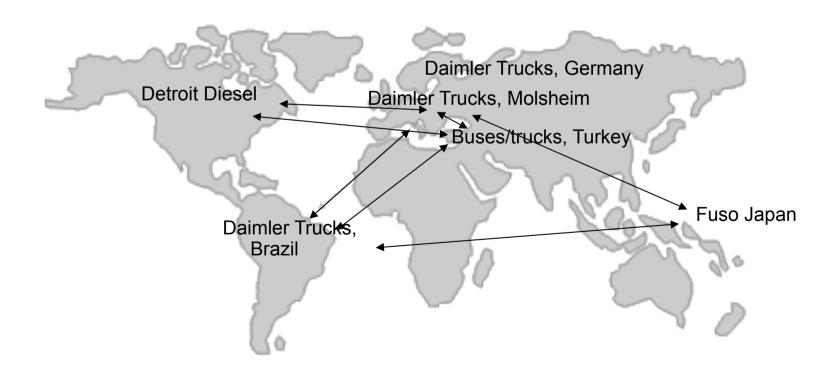
Corporate Language Management adapts to developments. Increased interconnectedness of information.



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Corporate Language Management adapts to developments. Growing requirement for multilingual information.

Example: design - production network: trucks



Corporate Language Management (CFM/LM) Areas requiring action

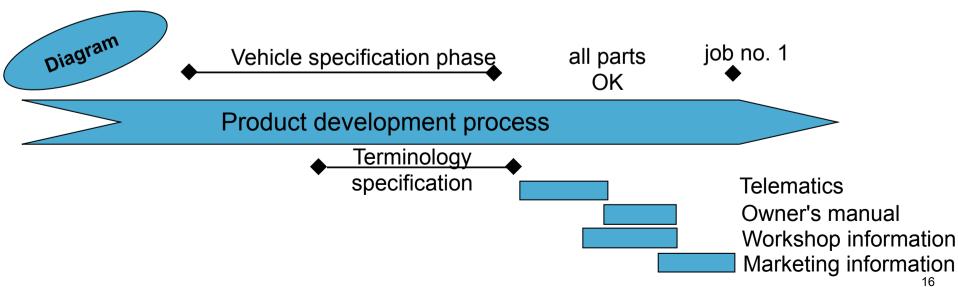
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- 1. Quality/supplier management
- Comprehensive requirements for suppliers with regard to quality management system (DIN EN 15038)
- > Requirements for process/system integration
- Quality requirements for language services
- Monitoring of quality and delivery reliability

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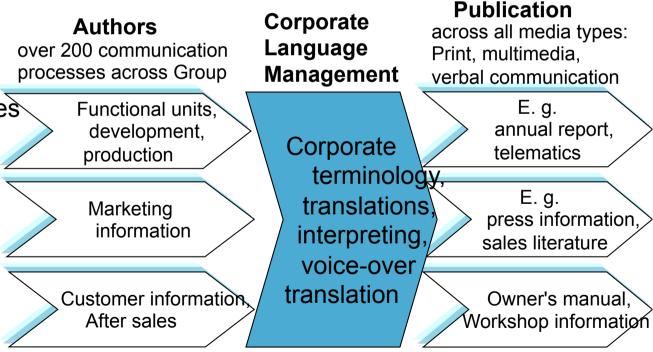
- 2. Terminology development/standardization
- Develop multilingual terminology during the product development process (rather than during the translation process)
- Terminology request and approval processes supported by tools and workflows



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- 3. Standardization of translation processes
- standard interfaces for upstream and downstream processes
- compatible support/ authoring tools
- real-time translation
- workflows



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And you are the ones developing high-tech solutions for language processes!



DAIMLER Thank you.