Where can I find further details?

To find out more, please visit the following websites:

European Parliament (for translation agencies only):

European Commission:
http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/translation/workwithus/calls/index_en.htm

Court of Justice of the European Union:
http://curia.europa.eu/jcms/jcms/Jo2_10741/direction-generale-de-la-traduction-collaborateurs-free-lance

European Court of Auditors (for translation agencies only):
http://www.eca.europa.eu/en/Pages/PublicProcurement.aspx

European Economic and Social Committee:
http://www.eesc.europa.eu/?i=portal.en.public-procurement

Committee of the Regions:

European Central Bank:

Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union:
http://cdt.europa.eu/EN/procurement/Pages/Program-for-the-year-2010.aspx

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Then why not translate for the EU?

Freelance translator
Do the EU institutions work with freelance translators?
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How can I become a freelance translator for the EU?
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http://ted.europa.eu or http://www.ojec.com

What are the main languages needed?
The target languages needed are all the official EU languages (i.e. Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Irish, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish and Swedish), mainly in combination with English, French or German. Other languages - such as Arabic, Chinese or Russian - account for less than 1 % of the pages translated by freelancers.