



Accelerating Innovation in LT

LT-Innovate Workshop
Brussels, 8-9 October 2012

BY
PHILIPPE WACKER
Secretary General

THE FORUM FOR EUROPE'S
LANGUAGE TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY

[#1]

Funded by
the ICT Programme
of FP7



- Today: Niche technologies in silos
- Next step: A single industry with a sense of belonging together and a common vision/map for the way forward
- Medium-term vision:
 - 1 - LT as the cornerstone of the Digital Single Market: European Language Cloud (infrastructure)
 - 2 – LT as a pervasive key enabling technology for vertical market segments in which Europe has global competitive advantage which can be consolidated and reinforced through the deployment of LT (layer 3 – data & platforms)
- In sum: One integrative horizontal vision complemented by a series of vertical visions

Building an LT innovation ecosystem

➤ EU policies



“innovation engines”

- Upstream: Dialogue with research
- Cross-fertilisation opportunities
- Downstream: Buyer Focus Groups

➤ Identify & catalyse vertical innovation value-chains

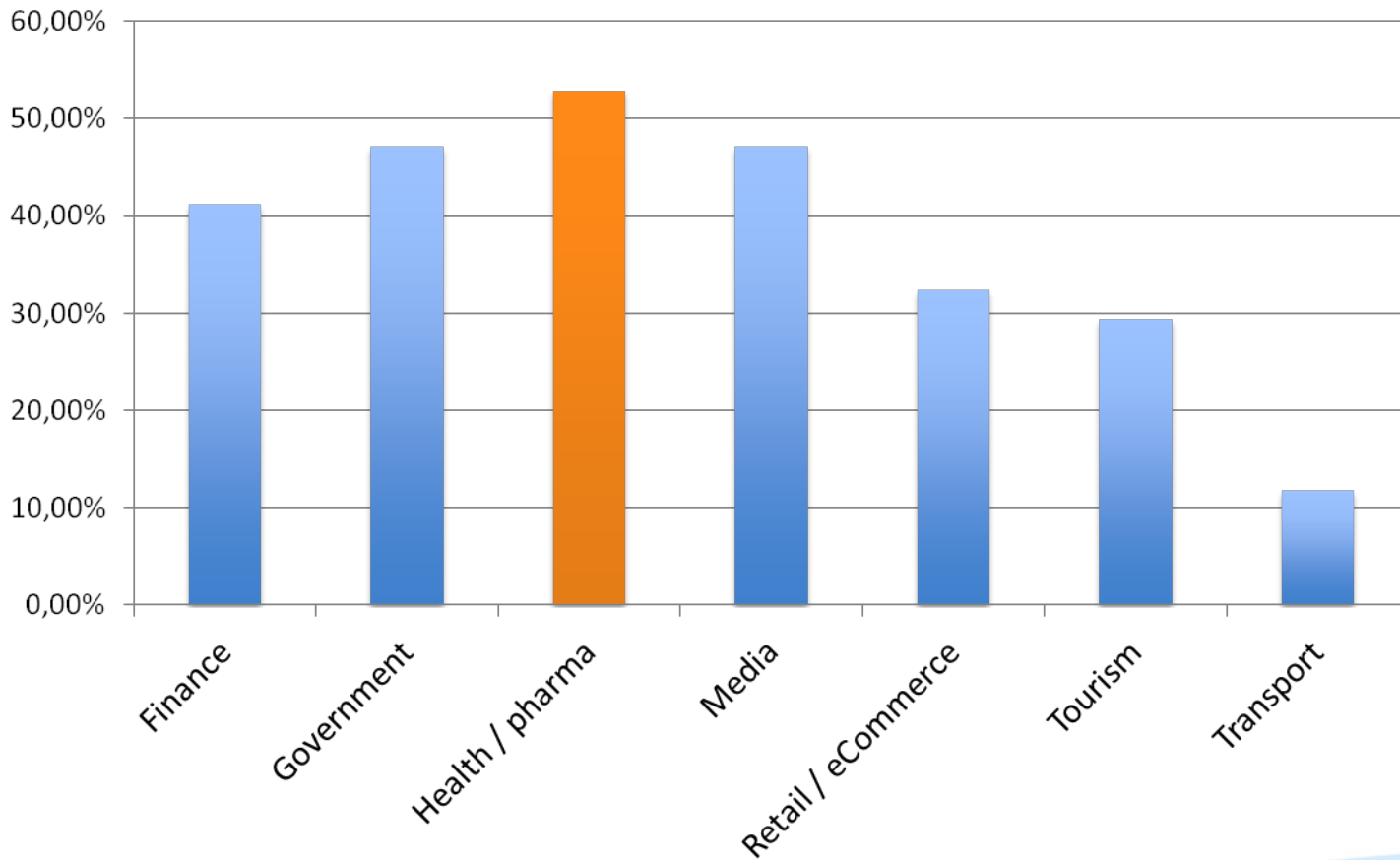
- Connecting with the Strategic Research Agenda
- Feeding industry needs into the research community
- Identifying research results
- Facilitating technology transfer and uptake

Buyer Focus Groups



- Confront offer & demand
- Users' Council & database
- Which segments?
- Where?
- Which format?
- Pool resources!

In view of question 20 above, which sectors would you like us to target primarily?



EU policy support



- European Multilingual Service Infrastructure
- LT in H2020
- A Fund?