

## Goals and Aims

The ThinkTank is an environment in which to exchange, collect and supplement best practices and any useful information oriented primarily towards

- Commission and/or EU jargon, acronyms and abbreviations, often incomprehensible even to EU servants
- web analytics of governmental web projects.

It is not only about **gathering items of knowledge**, but also about arranging them **in a consistent and intelligible manner**.

The focus should be on matters of specific interest to Commission staff. If your information is of equal interest to people outside the Commission, consider putting it on Wikipedia instead, where anyone can find it easily. Also remember that the EU's **official** terminology database is [IATE](#) containing a huge amount of information - terms, definitions, notes, terms in context, all arranged by concept - in multiple languages.

## Users

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- Acronyms and initialisms
  - Acronyms and initialisms should first give a hint of the meaning of individual letters, in the original language, in italics, then in English.
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