Communication Problems and Chances

The Network members are overcoming great language barriers to the interest of their common objectives.

Other than in North- or South America, Australia, China or India, they do not have a generally ruling language or writing, although English has been accepted by all as the correspondence language.

There is a total of 60 languages spoken in Europe which partly reflect most diverse cultural experiences and in addition to this include even more regionally and religiously affected traditions.

The communication problems can be bridged as the corresponding great variety of textile forms offer refined means of expression and often transmit opinions and knowledge more clearly than words.

Four ETN Languages

**English** - because it has developed into a worldwide communication language being the leading language of the European 30% Germanics.

**French** - because it represents approx. 27% of Romanic Europeans.

**Russian** - because it is the leading language of the cyrillic-communicating Europeans and for decades had been the first foreign language in the Central Eastern Europe.

**German** - because the initiative for ETN was established in a time of political movement in Germany.