

Subject: English – The Language of Europe Five Year Phase-In Plan For EuroEnglish

The European Commission have just announced an agreement whereby English will be the official language of the EU, rather than German, which was the other possibility. As part of the negotiations, Her Majesty's Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a five year phase-in plan for what will be known as EuroEnglish.

In the first year, „s” will replace the soft „c”. Certainly this will make the civil servants jump for joy. The hard „c” will also be dropped in favour of the letter „k”. This should clear up confusion and keyboards can have one less letter.

There will be growing public enthusiasm in the second year when the troublesome „ph” will be replaced by the letter „f”. This will make words like fotograf 20 % shorter.

In the third year public acceptance of the new spelling can be expected to reach the stage where more complicated changes are possible. Governments will encourage the removal of double letters, which have always been a deterrent to accurate spelling. Also, all will agree that the horrible mess of the silent „e” in the language is disgraceful and should go.

By the fourth year people will be receptive to steps such as replacing „th” with „z”, and „w” with „v”.

During the fifth year the unnecessary „o” can be dropped from words containing „ou” and similar changes and of course be applied to other combinations of letters.

After this fifth year we will have a really sensible written style. There will be no more troubles or difficulties and everyone will find it easy to understand each other.

Ze drem vil finali kum tru!