

**The Center of Expertise for Dutch Terminology  
Creation, Expansion, Impact.**

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The Dutch language area has a longstanding tradition in cooperation in the field of terminology. Since the eighties, different partnerships and commissions existed, all under the umbrella of the Union of the Dutch language (Taalunie). A cooperation agreement existed on the topic "Terminology and Education", there was a commission for terminology (Coterm) that was responsible for the strategic planning for Dutch terminology, and an association for Dutch Terminology, NL-Term was founded. Gradually, the idea developed that a central information hub was needed to bring together all the information on Dutch language for professional use and to make this available to everyone, both specialists and the general public. Since 2016, The Dutch Language Institute in Leiden (INT) is responsible for the development and hosting of all language material for Dutch. Whereas formerly, only the standard language was researched and collected, the new linguistic paradigm includes all language varieties and as such also professional language, regional languages and dialects. It seemed a logical step to also host the Center of Expertise for Dutch Terminology (ENT) at the INT. The main task of the ENT is to provide all kinds of information, products and services related to terminology. Next to making all the information available, ENT also works on a number of research projects in specific domains: legal and medical language and the terminology used in higher education. These three domains all have their specific challenges: in the case of the legal language we are confronted with different legal languages in the Netherlands and Belgium referring to the different legal systems. In the medical domain, we can see differences in register when using particular medical terms, from highly scientific nomenclature to more popular terminology. In the field of higher education, a huge confusion can be witnessed due to the use of English terms with a large number of different translations in the Netherlands and Belgium. In my lecture, I will present the different types of information that is made available by the ENT. This also includes specific software tools for terminology work. Finally, some of our research projects on terminology will be touched upon.