

Just a little dittie we found floating around on the WWW...

The European Commission

...has just announced...

...an agreement whereby English will be the official language of the European Union 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 5-year phase-in plan that would be known as "Euro-English".

In the first year, 's' will replace the soft 'c'. Certainly, this will make the sivil servants jump with joy. The hard 'c' will be dropped in favor of the 'k'. This should klear up konfusion and keyboards kan have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year when the troublesome 'ph' will be replased with the 'f'. This will make words like 'fotograf' 20% shorter!

In the 3rd year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expected to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible. Governments will enkorage 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 it should go away.

By the 4th 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 would
be applied to other combinations of
letters. After the fifth year we will have a
really sensible written style. There will be no more
trouble or difficulties and everyone will find it
easy to understand each other.

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