

## The Eight-League Framework Applied to Think-Tanks' Other Working Languages

Think-tanks often publish research material in multiple languages.

For example, this French think tank:

French : <https://www.ifri.org/fr/recherche/rechercher-toutes-publications>

English : <https://www.ifri.org/en/recherche/rechercher-toutes-publications>

German : <https://www.ifri.org/de/recherche/rechercher-toutes-publications>

Russian : <https://www.ifri.org/ru/recherche/rechercher-toutes-publications>

However, for a given think-tank with multiple working languages, the volume and frequency of its research publications may vary depending on the language used.

( We label the name of a language in lowercase letters, using the 2-letter language code [1].

We abbreviate the name of the country, where the think-tank is headquartered, in uppercase letters with the 2-letter country code [2].

In this example,

<https://www.ifri.org/fr/recherche/rechercher-toutes-publications> fr FR

<https://www.ifri.org/en/recherche/rechercher-toutes-publications> en FR

<https://www.ifri.org/de/recherche/rechercher-toutes-publications> de FR

<https://www.ifri.org/ru/recherche/rechercher-toutes-publications> ru FR )

Indeed, in October 2024,

> the Russian version has not published anything since November 2020

> the German version has not published anything since June 2022

> the English and French versions both frequently publish substantial research reports.

By treating a think-tank's working language as if it were the sole working language of a separate think tank, it becomes possible to apply the Eight-League Framework [3] to this working language.

In our example, we obtain:

<https://www.ifri.org/fr/recherche/rechercher-toutes-publications> **fr FR L1**

<https://www.ifri.org/en/recherche/rechercher-toutes-publications> **en FR L1**

<https://www.ifri.org/de/recherche/rechercher-toutes-publications> **de FR L5**

<https://www.ifri.org/ru/recherche/rechercher-toutes-publications> **ru FR L5**

### **Footnotes :**

[1] [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_ISO\\_639\\_language\\_codes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_ISO_639_language_codes)

[2] [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO\\_3166-1\\_alpha-2](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_3166-1_alpha-2)

[3]

<https://think-tanks.university/differentiating-think-tanks-by-volume-and-regularity-of-research-output-an-eight-league-framework/>