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Text+ - a next generation platform for
digital libraries and language resources
- Topics, structure, bodies and connections -

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National Research Data Infrastructure

» 2011: Kommission Zukunft Informationsinfrastruktur (KII)

“Gesamtkonzept für die Informationsinfrastruktur in Deutschland”

» 2016: German Council for Scientific Information Infrastructures (RFII)

“Performance through Diversity”

» 2018: Joint Science Conference

Decision to establish a national research data infrastructure (NFDI)

National Research Data Infrastructure (NFDI)

- » Goal: Development and long-term preservation of data holdings
 - » along the FAIR principles
 - » without disciplinary and national boundaries
 - » up to 30 consortia for broad coverage of scientific disciplines

The NFDI is being built up in a science-driven process as a cross-linked structure of self-initiated consortia.

Interlinking NFDI-Consortia

- » Memorandum of Understanding by NFDI initiatives from the humanities and cultural studies¹⁾
- » Leipzig-Berlin Statement on NFDI cross-cutting issues in infrastructure development²⁾
- » Networking in the NFDI Association

1) <https://zenodo.org/record/3265763#.Ym92pt9CSUI>

2) <https://zenodo.org/record/3895209#.Ym92Rt9CSUk>

Text+

» Aim:

» build a research data infrastructure focused on language and text data

» Communities (including, but not limited to)

» Classical Philology, Linguistics, Literary Studies,

» Social and Cultural Anthropology, Non-European Cultures,

» Jewish Studies and Religious Studies, Philosophy,

» language- and text-based research in the Social and Political Sciences

Text+ Community

- » Needs and interests of the community
 - » Support in the creation of standards-compliant research data
 - » Long-term provision of research data (after project completion)
 - » Guidance on the use of relevant data and tools
 - » Support in questions regarding legal and ethical aspects of data use
 - » Consulting in the planning and implementation of research projects

Bodies of Text+

» Applicant institution

- » Leibniz Institute for the German Language

» Co-applicant institutions

- » Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- » German National Library
- » Göttingen State and University Library
- » North Rhine-Westphalian Academy of Sciences, Humanities and the Arts

» Participants

- » 7 academies, 14 universities, 3 libraries and archives, 5 foundations and centers

Strong connections to

- » Textgrid
- » CLARIN-D
- » DARIAH-DE
- » CLARIAH-DE

Community Involvement

- » 20 professional associations , 9 Specialized Information Services
 - » Part of the Governance: Scientific Board, Scientific Coordination Committees
 - » Advice
 - » Prioritization in the curation of resources and in the development of software tools.
 - » Further development of standards and best practices for research data
- » User Stories (120)
- » Workshops

Text+

» Data domains (with specific clusters and responsibilities)

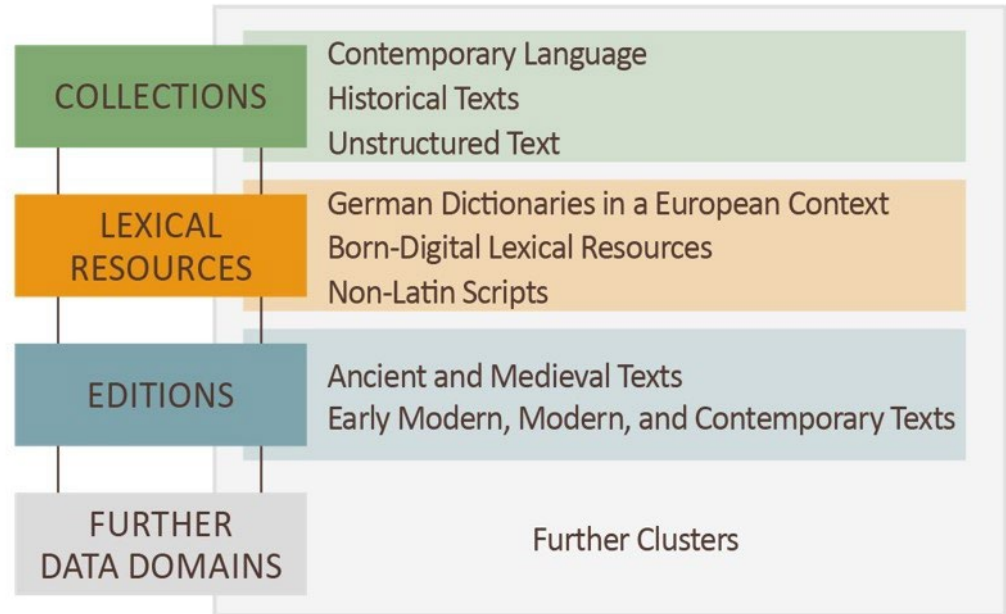
» Collections

» Lexical Resources

» Editions

» Infrastructure/Operations

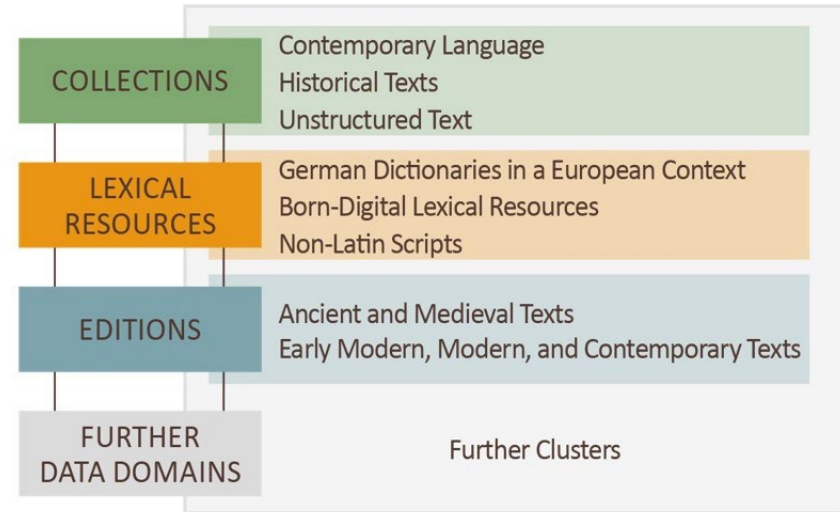
» Cross-cutting issues



Data domains

» Measures

- » Reference Implementation
- » Portfolio Development
- » Standardization Activities
- » Community Activities
- » Software Services



Collections

» Clusters:

» Contemporary Language

» Historical Texts

» Unstructured Texts

» 19 participating institutions



Collections

» Text collections

» literary texts, non-fiction texts, newspapers,
magazine texts, interviews, inscriptions, manuscripts, prints, ...

» mono- and multimodal recordings

» speeches, dialogues, news, interviews, interaction in everyday life, ...

» sensor data

» brain activities (EEG), eye tracking, articulography, ...

» interviews, reaction times



Collections

» first steps:

- » data ingest (distributed infrastructure)
- » standard-conformant preparation of text and metadata
- » integration of new software services,
e.g. for the connection of collections with authority files
- » workshops on data curation, legal issues, etc.
- » ...



Collections (Added value)

» Text+ will

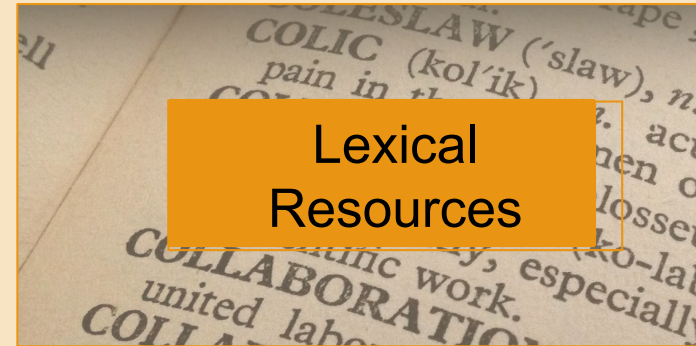
- » act as a comprehensive support infrastructure for all issues regarding collections
- » provide easy and transparent processes to find and obtain data from collections freely available for research
- » integrate collections currently beyond the reach of researchers in a community-driven way and at a large scale
- » be a hub for legal and ethical expertise related to collections
- » increase standardization and interoperability for collections by Linked Open Data, controlled vocabularies and authority files



Lexical Resources

» Clusters:

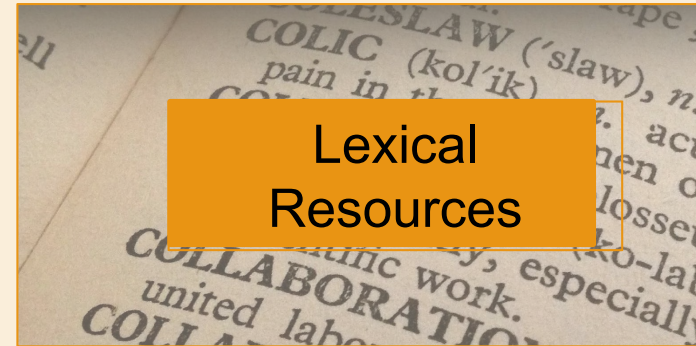
- » German Dictionaries in a European Context
- » Born-Digital Lexical Resources
- » Non-Latin Scripts



Lexical Resources

» first steps:

- » common search interface to lexical resources...
- » integration of all resources in the LLOD cloud;
semantically linked to common data hubs
- » user-oriented guidelines for data ingest
- » ...



Editions

» Clusters:

» Ancient and Medieval Texts

» Early Modern, Modern, and Contemporary Texts



Editions

» Examples

- » documentary or diplomatic editions
- » editions on the history of documents
- » historical-critical editions



Editions

» first steps:

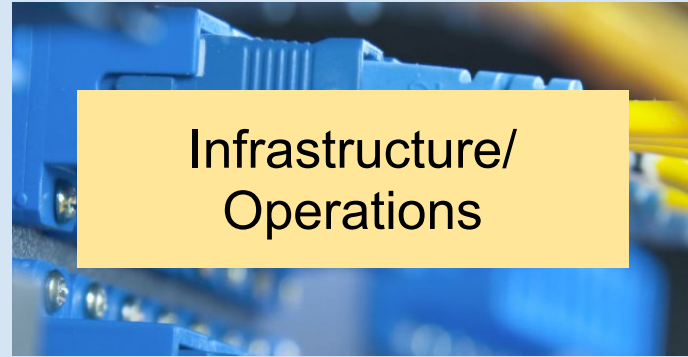
- » convey digital editorial models, offer consulting services
- » foster re-use, best practices and transdisciplinary strategies
- » integration of resources following the onboarding policy
- » ...



Infrastructure/Operations

» Cross-cutting

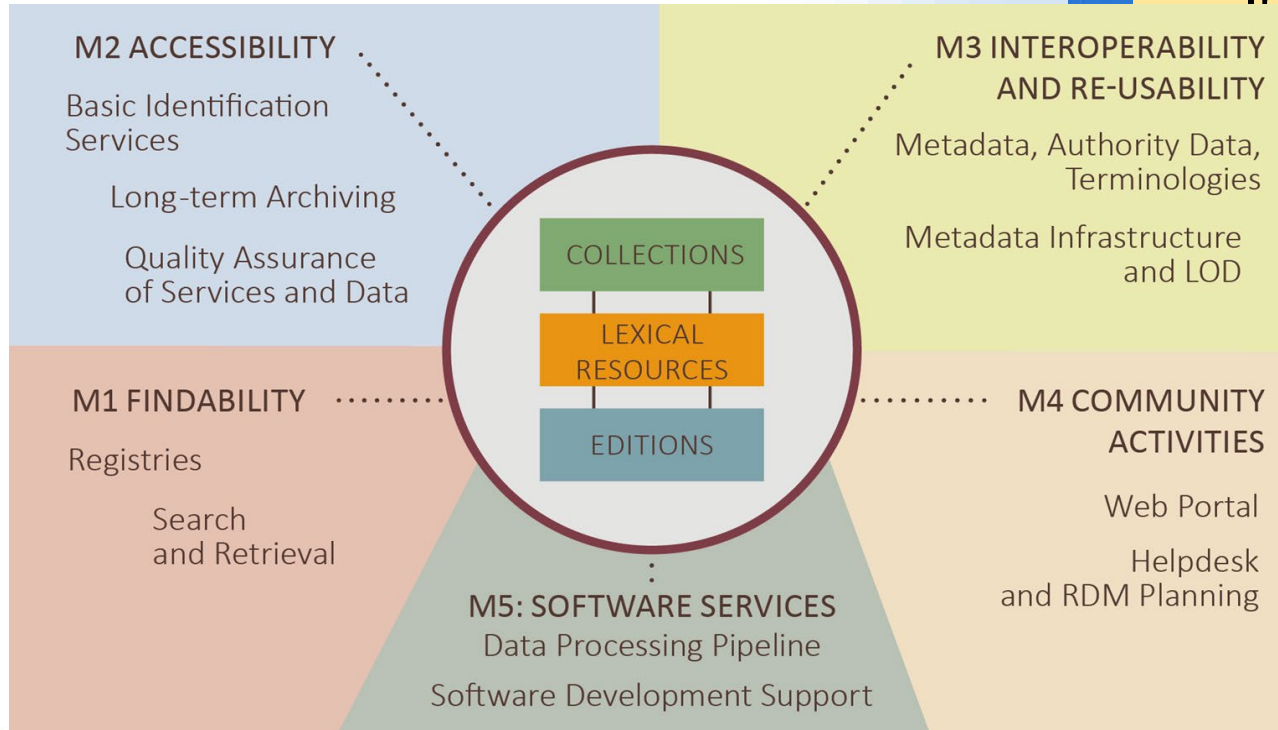
- » Interface to the data domains
- » Provider of crucial infrastructure and services for collaborative work
- » Aspires for interoperability and compatibility of services, data, standards, and roadmaps in terms of infrastructure and operation
- » Constant exchange with the NFDI at large, the MoU group, and the NFDI sections to aspire interoperability, compatibility, and synergies



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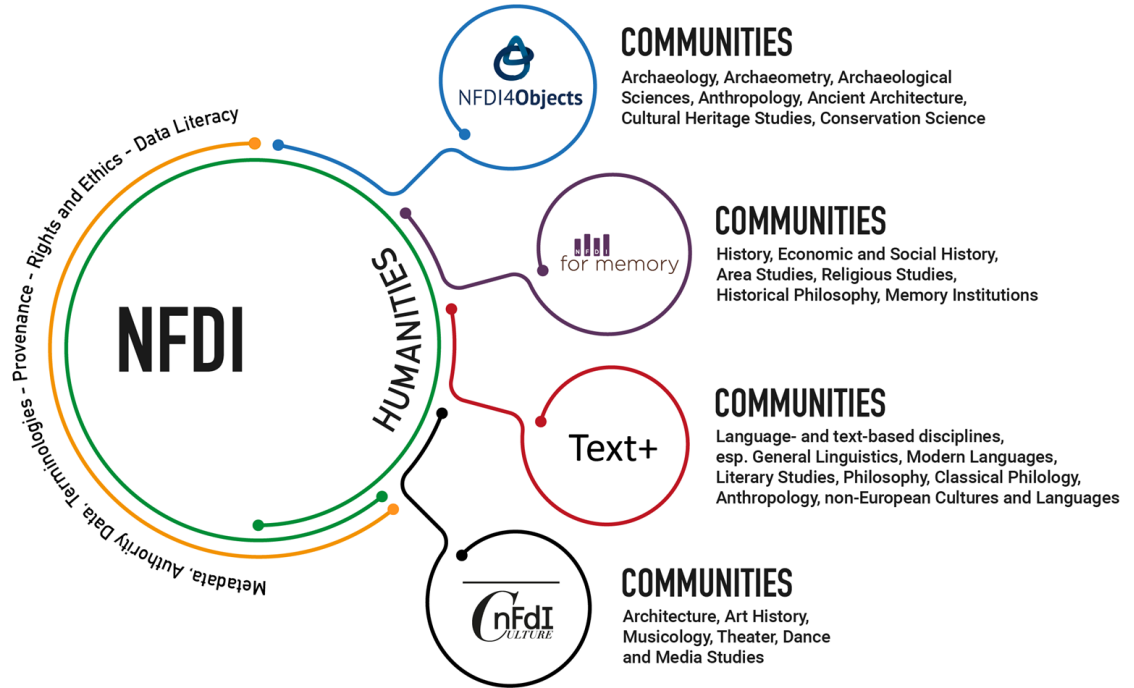
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MoU by initiatives from the humanities and cultural studies

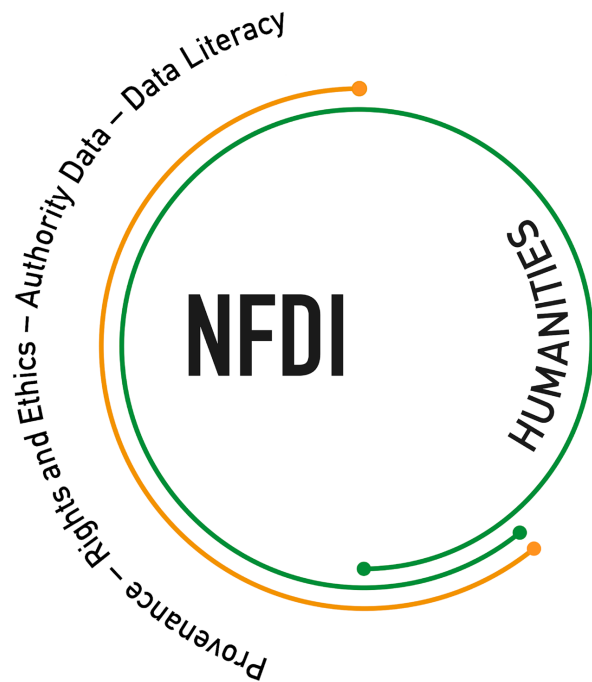
» Common topics

- » Metadata
- » Authority data
- » Terminologies
- » Provenance
- » Rights and Ethic
- » Data Literacy



Cross-cutting topics within the NFDI

- » Offers from text+
 - » Standards for text and language-based data
 - » Authority data
 - » Expertise in curating and analyzing text- and language-based resources
 - » Solutions for search and interoperability
 - » Know how in longtime preservation
 - » Technical infrastructure services (PID, AAI)

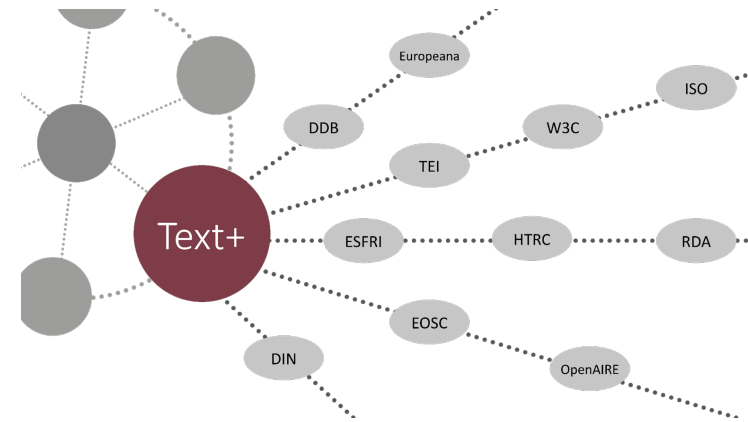


National and international networks

» Cooperation with alliances and standardization bodies like

» ALLEA - CLARIN ERIC - DARIAH ERIC - DataCite -
DDB - DINI - EOSC - ESFRI - Europeana -
HathiTrust Research Center - LIBER -
nestor - OpenAIRE - OPERAS - RDA - ...

» guarantee the exchange of information on
overarching topics and developments



Role of a (national) library

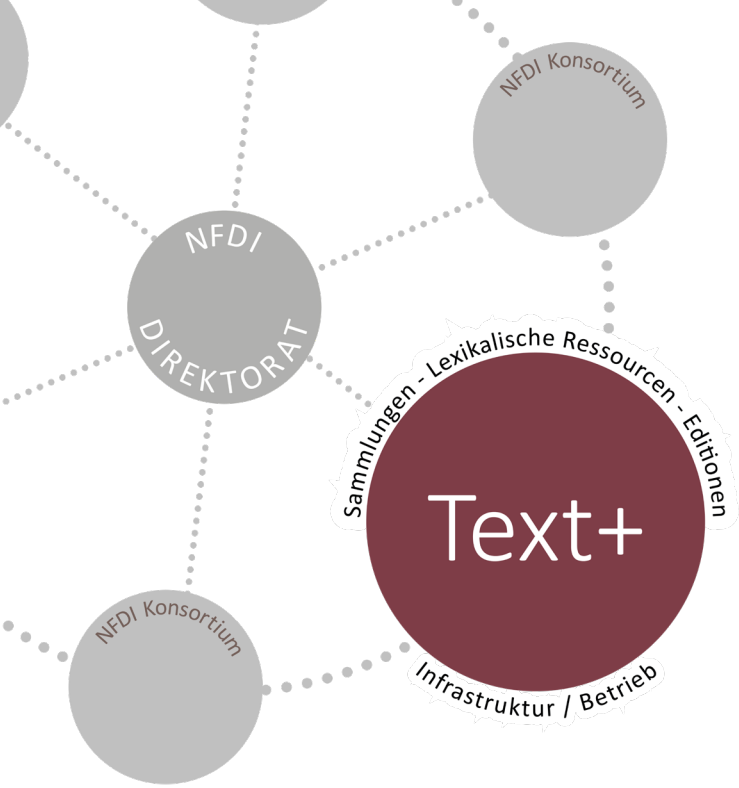
» Role

- » Co-applicant, task area lead (collections),
- » Cluster unstructured texts

» Topics

- » Digital collection (born digital, digitized material)
- » Standards, Metadata standards
- » Authority File (GND), LOD
- » Legal and ethical aspects
- » Long term preservation

A guarantee for sustainability



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