State of the CLARIN Infrastructure

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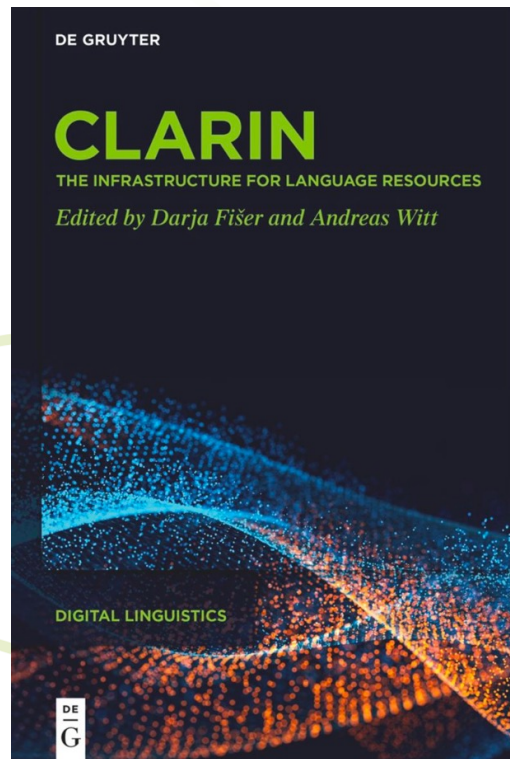
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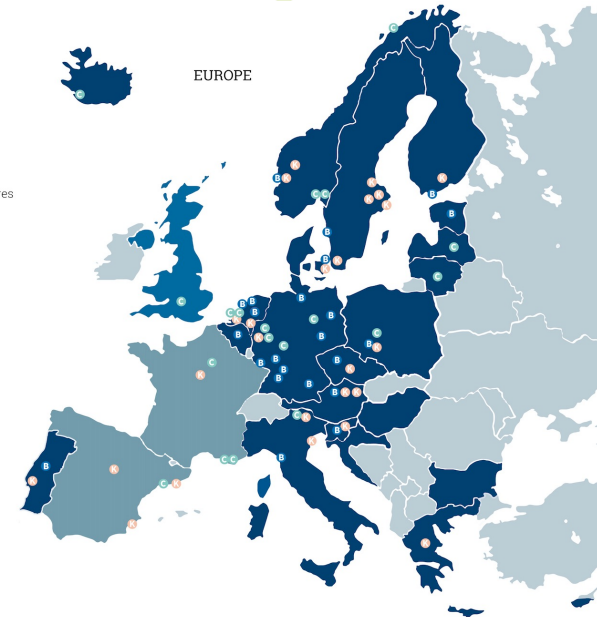# 10th Anniversary of CLARIN as ERIC

29 February 2012

Where do we stand? 1/5

- Strategy 2021-2023: Language as social and cultural data
  Enhanced infrastructural support for research based on language materials

- 22 + 2 countries

- federated service offer, access to
  - FAIR data
  - chainable tools

- > 60 registered centres
  - 25 certified B-centres
  - network of K-centres

- strongly aligned with the Open Science agenda, focus on **interoperability**
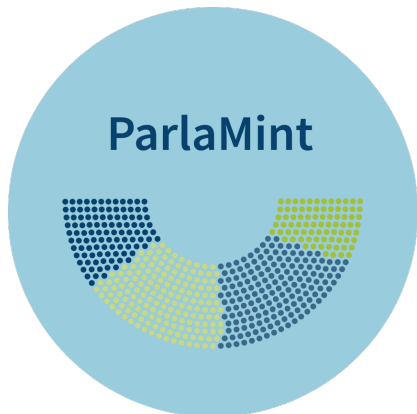
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CLARIN Resources Families

a strategic pillar for harmonisation to advance:

- Collaboration across national consortia

- Increased interoperability due to better metadata quality

- Alignment with disciplinary and multidisciplinary agendas involving comparative research across languages and regions

ParlaMint: CLARIN flagship project

- Towards Comparable Parliamentary Corpora
- Data release: https://www.clarin.eu/content/parlamint
- Parliamentary data covered for > languages
- Funding period extended: 2021-2023
- Data

Where do we stand? 3/5

Collaboration in the SSHOC project continued as SSH Open Cluster

- Collaboration between *all* SSH research infrastructures;
  support for users of cultural data, language data, survey data, and other relevant
  digital objects
- Themes:
  - Federation of resources at SSH level
  - SSH Open Marketplace: link
  - Methodological frameworks for a.o. heterogenous data,
    mixed methods, multimedia

New in 2022

- Collaboration in EOSC Future (H2020) on META-COVID: ParlaMint data, social media
  data, survey data; match with health domain vocabularies; *Bazaar!*
- Collaboration with other RI clusters intensified

CLARIN Ambassador programme and other events

aimed at uptake in a wide range of communities of use

- Webinars (e.g., on how to use tools for interview transcription)
- Tutorials (e.g. for librarians on when/how CLARIN resources can be used)
- Helsinki Digital Humanities Hackathon: 'Parliamentary Debates in COVID Times'

Opportunities for CLARIN funding & support

- CLARIN training suite: 'Teaching with CLARIN'

- CLARIN Trainer Network Programme
- Support for virtual events
- Seed grants for Horizon Europe proposal preparation

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- Promotional video

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- Context for high quality publications, suited for wider audiences
- Coupled to Tour de CLARIN
- Impact stories for diverse audiences: research, teaching, expertise, collaboration beyond academia

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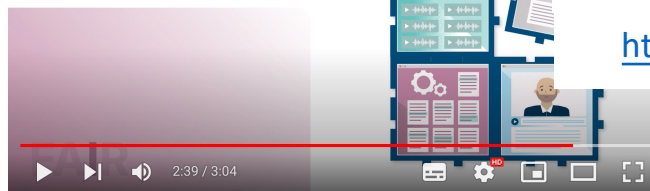
Promotional Video as Introduction into CLARIN

https://youtu.be/IfDWBaaAcIw

Where do we want to go? 1/5

Strategy theme : ***Language as social and cultural data (2021-2023)***

Enhanced infrastructural support for research based on language materials

The position of CLARIN in the landscape is in part fuelled by the ever increasing datafication of culture and society: more and more **aspects in everyday life** are captured as digital and **machine-actionable data sets**, including language materials.

This is calling for a range of **data science methods**, including approaches geared towards the processing of language data, as well as guidelines for **responsible data science practices.**

More and more **language data from the cultural heritage domain** is becoming available in digital form, which increases the potential for supporting **digital humanities agendas**.

Focus on the potential for impact

- more alignment with (multi)disciplinary research agendas and collaboration with mission-driven research initiatives
  - COST-actions
  - Horizon Europe Pillar 2 projects
  - UN Sustainable Development Goals: link
- applications /workflows for
  - the development of tools for studying and informing policy responses to global crises (e.g., climate change, migration, COVID-19)
  - the study of mental health conditions and tools for health interventions
  - The application of AI-based models
- exploring models for innovation an collaboration with industry

Reinforced support for CLARIN nodes

- Coordination among K-centres

- Support for more synergy between committees

- Website to be a reinforced hub for knowledge exchange

Reinforced collaboration with other infrastructural initiatives

- alignment with dynamics in the landscape of the European Open Science Cloud
  - CLARIN joined the EOSC Association as member
  - participation in EOSC Task Forces
- joint planning with SSH cluster: SSH Open Marketplace
- GLAM-sector: Europeana, LIBER, libraries, archives, …
- Platforms for language data: ELG, Humming Face, LDaCA, …

Where do we want to go? 4/5

Gender Equality Plan
- In alignment with what has become a requirement for participation in Horizon Europe, a gender equality plan (GEP) for CLARIN is under development.
- Initial focus on central organisation
- Next steps: monitor equality dimensions in general in the wider network

12th CLARIN Annual Conference 2023: in hybrid format again?

Where do we want to go? 5/5

Composition Board of Directors

- As of March 2022: new member Antal van den Bosch (successor for Andreas Witt)
- As of January 2023: Darja Fiser to start her role as the new executive director
- As of January 2023: Francesca Frontini to start a second term as BoD member
- As always: Dieter van Uytvanck, technical director & vice-executive director

Benefit from new structure in the CLARIN Office team

- As of 1 October 2022: Patris van Boxel, Chief Operations Officer
- Details on the rest of the crowd (https://www.clarin.eu/governance/clarin-office):
  Quirijn Backx, Leon Wessels, Maria Eskevich, Nicola Piras, Elisa Gorgaini,
  Eleni Zimianiti, David Bordon, Iullianna van der Lek, Julia Misersky, Karina Berger

Funding & support opportunities (www.clarin.eu/funding)