



CLARIN ERIC

Progress according to the Strategy Plan

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Strategy - 8 pillars, plus 1



- a. Coverage: access to all public language data
- b. Legal: for research no restrictions other than ethical
- c. Integration of data: metadata and content search over the whole data space
- d. Integration of services: combinable advanced tools
- e. Preservation: sustainable access to what is there
- f. Ease of access: no technical obstacles for HSS scholars
- g. Crossing borders: disciplines, countries, continents
- h. Sustainability: financial, technical, organisational
- i. User perspective

Coverage



Goal: 15 members in 3 years

Assessment:

11 members (SE and LT just joined)

Hope to get at least 2 more in 2014. (NO, FI, SI?)

Observers underway: UK, maybe FR

MoU with CMU, USA

MoU underway with South Tyrol and South Africa

Legal issues



Goal: all new material developed will be made available under the standard license template and all legacy material will be provided with proper, complete and consistent licenses. AA system fully operational in all launching member countries

Assessment:

License texts are just being published on the CLARIN website. Other licenses have been used in the meantime, e.g. well-known international ones. Legal committee working with this issue

Authentication: Identity federation OK (-BG).

In some countries some universities cannot join for legal and administrative reasons.

Integration of data and services



Goal: coherent sets of data in good shape for research in cross-country/cross-lingual matters. 18 use cases.

Assessment:

National and international use cases.

5 featured on clarin.eu

Many on the national websites.

Metadata and content search: need to be able to find what is available and create virtual collections

Metadata search: VLO improved

Virtual collection registry

Searching multiple corpora (pre-production version)

Preservation



Goal: all data and tools from publicly funded projects can be deposited in CLARIN centres. Funding agencies to require such deposition.

Assessment:

AT, CZ, DE, DK, DLU, NL, PL offer recognised depositing services. Other solutions for the missing countries, so in all member countries data can be deposited.

Agreements with funding agencies: turned out to be politically difficult, but we keep the goal as a long term goal.

(We see now more focus on data management, more focus on archiving research data – this development may help)

Ease of access



Goal: portal, awareness actions, 5 centres of expertise, first curriculum plans

Assessment:

Portal implemented

National awareness: OK in most countries, but not all – some have formal problems

Training courses: OK, developing well, good coverage

Help desk and FAQ: OK at clarin.eu, and in most countries. All national websites have at least a contact point.

Centers of expertise: formally 0, but 5 before the end of 2014.

Curriculum: no full curriculum, but plans and single courses exist

Crossing borders



Goal: inter RI collaboration, collaboration with libraries, international coll., academia-industry

Assessment:

MoU with META-NET, coll. in EUDAT, DASISH, joint proposal with DARIAH

Libraries: national level (NL, NO), proposal with Europeana

MoU with CMU, and underway with South Tyrol and South Africa.

Academia-industry: project has been accepted by European Commission.

Sustainability



Goal: sustainability strategy document, success measures

Assessment:

Document not yet finalised, but underway.

Measures: this document

User perspective



Goals: not yet fully defined. Work is ongoing to determine good measures (user involvement meeting today)

Assessment

One measure is number of publications.

2012: **315 papers** (231 found by Google Scholar, 84 added by national teams (only 25 in non-English))

2013: **156 papers** found by Google Scholar, the rest of the manual work is still ongoing.

The important measure has to do with users. How many users do we have?

Other measures still need to be defined

Results



Have reached many of the goals, but not all

- Work harder
- Change the goals
- Change priorities

To be reflected in an updated strategy plan



Thank you for your attention