Looking forward to
User Involvement Activities

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Strategic priorities

• reaching consensus with national consortia on
  • the minimum annual UI activities
  • comprehensive recording of UI activities & measurement
• “tour de CLARIN” on the web
  • periodic highlights of a different national consortium, their resources, tools, services & user involvement activities
• sharing experience & know-how among national consortia
  • what works & what doesn’t
  • easily usable reusable UI scenarios
  • training materials
• focused user surveys
  • select priority user groups
  • find out what resources, tools, training & support users need
• strategic alliances with relevant
  • infrastructures, associations & organisations
  • university programmes & lecturers
  • conference & summer school organisers
Priority 1: REACHING STUDENTS

- involvement in university curricula
  - DigiLing (Erasmus+, 6 institutions, on-line course development, just started)
  - dariahTeach (Erasmus+, 7 institutions, developing open-source, high quality, multilingual teaching materials for the digital arts & humanities)
  - European Masters in Language & Communication Technologies (Erasmus Mundus, 9 institutions, well established, very renowned)
- active presence at top summer schools
  - ESSLII (biggest interdisciplinary summer school, over 25 years, many CLARIN researchers already active as lecturers)
  - ESU in Digital Humanities (one of the most important summer schools in DH)
  - LancsSS (biggest interdisciplinary summer school for corpus linguistics)
- add a student session track to the CLARIN annual conference
Priority 2: REACHING EARLY-STAGE RESEARCHERS

• introduce CLARIN master classes
  • sessions at major DH & SS events with CLARIN experts answer researchers’ questions & recommend CLARIN approaches/tools/resources

• establish connections with relevant COST actions
  • ~40 relevant on-going actions with regular networking meetings, training schools & STSMs

• extend & promote the existing award format to DH & SS scholars who use CLARIN infrastructure in outstanding work
Priority 3: REACHING TRAINERS & SUPERVISORS

- workshops/seminars on new/key language tools & resources
  - for lecturers & researchers in & outside the field
  - e.g. 2 CLARIN PLUS workshops on parliamentary data & social media
- teacher seminars addressing deficitary topics
  - providing teacher training & teaching materials
- refreshment courses for language professionals
  - e.g. translators, language editors, journalists
- targeted seminars addressing under-serviced communities
  - e.g. diaspora, minorities, special needs
Ideas, suggestions & comments welcome!

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Looking forward to move from possible & available to useful & used