Therefore, CLARIN is

**Important CLARIN principles are:**

- Language is at the heart of many disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences as
  - an instrument for communication,
  - a means to represent information and knowledge, and
  - an object of study in itself.

Many collections of digital content exist, and technologies and tools have been developed to exploit, retrieve, explore, enhance and study these data. However, these resources and tools are

- geographically scattered,
- technically fragmented, and
- difficult to find, access and use.

Therefore, CLARIN is

- creating and maintaining a sustainable infrastructure
- to enable high quality, innovative digital research in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

CLARIN is based on four pillars:

- digital language content and tools,
- a technical infrastructure to provide access for the users,
- a knowledge sharing infrastructure to provide support,
- an efficient and sustainable organisational framework.

Important CLARIN principles are:

- interoperability of data and tools,
- stability and availability of services,
- long term accessibility,
- adaptability and extensibility,
- partnerships with other European infrastructures,
- embedding in the international research infrastructure landscape, and
- commitment to open access.

Governance and funding:

- CLARIN ERIC (European Research Infrastructure Consortium) was set up February 2012,
- founding coalition of eight countries and one intergovernmental organisation,
- more countries have joined and are joining,
- hosted by the Netherlands,
- jointly funded by the member countries & organisations.

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