



# CLARIN-PLUS

## kick-off



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# Rationale for CLARIN-PLUS



- Recommendations by the AEG assessing ESFRI (2013; AEG= assessment expert group)
- Observations within the CLARIN community on past performance
- Comments by the Scientific Advisory Board
- Other solicited and unsolicited advice

## *Conclusion:*

For CLARIN to be able to safeguard the results of the construction phase and to conduct the utilization phase (2016 and further) in good shape, some concentrated actions are needed in order to ensure the broadest possible success of CLARIN.

*Key words:* consolidation, acceleration, sustainability, trust, cross-fertilisation, user involvement



***Schematic overview of the CLARIN-PLUS objectives***



- *Service Provider Federation*: furthering the trust network for authentication and authorization established already
- *Infrastructure gateways* (currently three): enhance the support that enables users to comprehensively locate and query relevant language resources
- *Metadata quality*: enhancing metadata curation on a European scale to improve the visibility of language resources
- *Generic workflows*: establish compatibility of existing web services with more generic workflows and integration of high quality modules in the gateway applications to enable user to annotate, query, and visualize language materials according to their digital research requirements.



To further establish recognition of CLARIN's worth

- *Improvement of the intranet:* enhanced access to the numerous types of information among CLARIN ERIC office staff and temporary contributors as well as to ERIC members, organs and national core staff, so as to keep everyone continuously informed about the state of the construction
- *Improvement of the website and portal:* increased usability of the CLARIN features, information and resources, more effective branding, in part based on inspiring showcases and success stories.



- Invest in sustainable partnerships with other other EU infrastructure initiatives, including:
  - EUDAT
  - GÉANT
  - DARIAH
  - RDA
  - Europeana & The European Library
  - Hathi Trust
- Explore the possibility of global partnerships,
- Collaborate with the EC to strenghten the European added value in the operation phase



## *Adjustment of ERIC statutes:*

Revisit the current model of roles, institutions and committees and their respective responsibilities and the interplay between them, so as to prepare CLARIN for the upcoming utilization phase.



- *Broadening CLARIN's user base*: inclusion of new member countries to participate in CLARIN ERIC: compile a clear and detailed value proposition, including e.g. showcases, a registry of existing courses
- *Deepening CLARIN's user base*: accessing new additional categories and communities of users in countries where CLARIN is active:
- *Examples actions*:
  - develop a standard training course and realize a number of training workshops
  - foster novel research methodologies in the digital humanities
- *Objective*: Enable researchers to address scholarly innovation and societal challenges with a global dimension





<b>Objective</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<b>WP</b>	<b>Indicators</b>
Strengthening CLARIN's central hub	Extend the CLARIN Service Providers Federation (SPF), improve metadata quality, tighten web service integration, improve infrastructure gateways	2	Inclusion of all EU identity federations, increased metadata quality score, more and better integrated web services, sophisticated and easy-to-use gateway applications
Strengthening CLARIN's central office	Further the internal and external information platforms, work on a professional branding and usability level	3	Availability of a completely revised website, portal and intranet and web applications based on uniform branding and usability guidelines.
Strengthening CLARIN's partnerships	Coordinate with other infrastructures and strengthen or implement joint services	4	Sustainable partnerships and joint services
Strengthening CLARIN's outreach	Work out a concrete value proposition and use it to attract new countries, centres and users; demonstrate the potential of CLARIN to new user groups	5	Value proposition, including key performance indicators, and more CLARIN members and centres; recorded workshops presenting successful CLARIN-based research
Strengthening CLARIN's governance	Revise the statutes, perform a financial analysis and focus on sustainability	6	Revised statutes and a report on financial and organisational sustainability