K-centres are important for CLARIN as they are the backbone of the Knowledge Infrastructure, but …

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… what is in it for you?

- What are the reasons for becoming a K-centre
- What do K-centres gain?

Some advantages:

- Recognition
- New contacts (users)
- Collaboration with CLARIN
- Access to funding opportunities – workshops, but also several other possibilities

The K-centres landscape – is anything important missing?

Summary of the findings in document CE-2018-1336 Structured list of K-centres (06-08-2020, presented to the NCF)

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Languages:

- For some languages we have a portal where people can get information about a broad spectrum of computational and other aspects of the language – but not for all. Is that a problem or will the National Consortia take on this role?

- Almost all CLARIN languages are worked on by some K-centre, but with uneven coverage across topics.

- No K-centres for some of the European minority languages, classical languages, or some important languages from outside Europe.

Modalities:

- There seem to be no modalities missing, which does not necessarily mean that we can offer access to all modalities for all languages.

Linguistic topics:

- Coverage is rather complete, but some topics are still missing, e.g. neurolinguistics, psycholinguistics.

Language processing topics:

- Coverage is rather complete. Some missing topics: language understanding, generation, summarization, word sense disambiguation.

Data types:

- Coverage seems rather complete.

Families of resources:

- One third of the CLARIN families is not covered by a K-centre at all or only covered for a subset of the languages.

Generic issues:

- Good coverage but working with standards is missing. It would be good for CLARIN to have a K-centre for standards.
- It would also be good to think about having K-centres that cut across domains, such as language and GIS.

Questions to the K-centres (on the basis of their experience):

- Do you have suggestions for topics for which we should try to encourage sites to create a K-centre?
- Do you see candidate sites that we could approach and stimulate?
- Do you see missing topics that you could easily take on board in your own K-centre?