CLARIN Ambassadors

The aim of the CLARIN Ambassadors Programme is to raise awareness about and encourage participation in CLARIN ERIC across a wide range of communities. In 2022, Johanna Berg, responsible for digital development at the National Museums of World Culture in Sweden, joined the CLARIN ambassadors. Like ambassadors Eva SoroI, Paul Rayson and Satu Saalasti, she will actively promote CLARIN to communities that are not yet fully integrated in the infrastructure.

Tour de CLARIN

Tour de CLARIN is an initiative that highlights prominent user involvement activities of CLARIN national consortia and K- and B-centres. It is also a valuable tool to introduce new consortia and centres. In April 2022, the Danish CLARIN Knowledge Centre DANSK was featured, including an Interview with Sidsel Boldson.

CLARIN Cafés

Developed in 2020, the CLARIN Café format has developed into a mature platform facilitating informal exchange within the CLARIN community. In 2022, five CLARIN Cafés were (co-)organised by the CLARIN Office, with a total of 514 participants. Cafés included a wide range of topics, such as CLARIN Café on Bilingual and Multilingual Corpora (April 2022) and CLARIN Café: Voices from Ravensbrück on the Web - a Multilingual Challenge (December 2022).

CLARIN Impact Stories

The CLARIN Impact Stories showcase high-quality and innovative research that uses CLARIN tools and resources. The Impact Stories illustrate the huge variety of disciplines that use the CLARIN infrastructure, highlight the excellent research linked to it, and demonstrate the wider impact that CLARIN and the social sciences and humanities have on societal issues.

In 2022, eight Impact Stories were published. Examples include:

- **Navigating the GDPR with Innovative Educational Materials**: A portfolio of innovative educational materials designed for researchers working with personal data covered by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). The material was developed with support from the CLARIN Legal and Ethics Issues Committee, as well as CLARIN K- and B-centres.
- **Re-evaluating Child Language Assessment Measures for Research and Clinical Use**: Using CLARIN datasets, this project re-evaluates the most commonly used measures of children’s language sample analysis, and also develops new algorithms for the bias-free assessment of speech samples from children who speak non-mainstream dialects of American English.
- **Voices from Ravensbrück: The Value of Multilingual Oral History**: Organised and funded in the context of CLARIN’s Resource Families, this interdisciplinary project features curated, multilingual oral history interviews with survivors from the Ravensbrück concentration camp for women.

CLARIN Funding

In 2022, CLARIN’s flagship project ParlaMint was extended and additional parliamentary content, annotations and languages were added to the dataset. The CLARIN Resource Families were enhanced with overviews of text processing tools. In addition, a budget was made available for the technical expense of offering the CLARIN Annual Conference in a hybrid format.

Value Proposition

CLARIN is a networked federation of language data repositories, service centres and centres of expertise. CLARIN makes digital language resources available to scholars, researchers, students, and citizen-scientists from all disciplines, especially in the social sciences and humanities, through single sign-on access. CLARIN offers long-term solutions and technology services for deploying, connecting, analysing and sustaining digital language data and tools. CLARIN supports scholars who want to engage in cutting-edge, data-driven research, contributing to a truly multilingual European Research Area.

Governance

The General Assembly represents the members of CLARIN ERIC and is the highest decision-making body of CLARIN ERIC. It is assisted by an international Scientific Advisory Board. The day-to-day management lies in the hands of the Board of Directors, chaired in 2022 by the Executive Director Franciska de Jong and supported by the CLARIN Office.

The largest effort towards the further integration of data, tools and expertise stems from the activities in the national consortia. The National Coordinators’ Forum is responsible for the coordination of the collaboration across countries.

CLARIN in a Nutshell

Name CLARIN is short for ‘Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure’.

Vision All digital language resources and tools from all over Europe and beyond are accessible through a single sign-on online environment, to support researchers in the humanities and social sciences.

Mission Create and maintain an infrastructure to support the sharing, use and sustainability of language data and tools for research in the humanities and social sciences.

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CLARIN ERIC Members

In 2022, Belgium joined CLARIN ERIC as a member. At the end of 2022, the consortium consisted of 22 members: AT, BE, BG, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, FI, FR, HR, HU, IS, IT, LT, LV, NL, NO, PL, PT, SE, SI; 2 observers: UK, SA; and 1 third party: Carnegie Mellon University (USA).

Annual Conference 2022

10 - 12 October 2022, hybrid event

The CLARIN Annual Conference took place in October 2022 as a successful hybrid event. As in previous years, the majority of the conference programme was dedicated to (peer-reviewed) papers and posters that allowed presenters to show their achievements and to collect valuable feedback from the community. Highlights included keynotes by Barbara Plank, Peter Leinen and Ariane Nabeth-Halber, as well as the panel ‘CLARIN and Other SSH Platforms: You’ll Never Innovate Alone’. The hybrid format enabled around 300 registered participants to attend the event.

CLARIN in EU-Funded Projects

In 2022, CLARIN ERIC continued its active participation in several European and international initiatives. Such projects bring intensified collaboration with other European research infrastructures and non-academic parties, including companies and cultural heritage institutions. CLARIN was active in the following collaborative infrastructural projects in 2022: ELE, EOSC Focus, EOSC Future, ENRITIC, ERIC Forum, EUROPEANA-DS4, FAIRCORE4EOSC, SSHOC, TRIPLE and in the Erasmus+ network, attracting more than 5000 participants.

- Helsinki Digital Humanities Hackathon: Use of the ParlaMint dataset by one of the teams to analyse networks of power in political debates.
- DELAD Workshop: Sharing corpora of Speech with Communication Disorders (CSD).
- PARLACLUSTER 2022: Workshop on creating, enriching and using parliamentary corpora.
- CLARIN and Libraries: Workshop bringing together members of the CLARIN community that are also associated with libraries for the first time.
- Pre-conference workshop on CLARIN Training activities: TALC workshop in Ireland.
- Training with CLARIN and Jupyter Notebooks.

CLARIN Publications

In 2022, the publication of an open-access volume marked CLARIN’s 10-year-anniversary as a European Research Infrastructure Consortium. Edited by Darja Fišer (University of Ljubljana) and Andreas Witt (Leibniz Institute for the German Language, Mannheim) the book was the first volume in a new series on Digital Linguistics: (De Gruyter) and provides a comprehensive overview of CLARIN, its members, its goals and functioning, as well as of the tools and resources hosted by the infrastructure.

Technical Developments

CLARIN CENTRES

In 2022, there was one new B-centre certification and three re-certifications. By the end of 2022 there were 24 certified CLARIN B-centres. The total number of registered CLARIN centres is 70 (the K-centre in Belarus has been suspended).

VIRTUAL LANGUAGE OBSERVATORY

A first development prototype was created for the VLO 5.0, which will be based on a backend API that will be made publicly accessible, which thus allows alternative front-ends to be created.

LANGUAGE RESOURCE SWITCHBOARD

Versions 2.4.0 and 2.4.1 of the Switchboard bring improvements to the user interface as well as (experimental) support for multiple input files.

K-centres

In 2022, the number of certified Knowledge Centres (K-centres) increased to a total of 26. A K-centre workshop was held in mid-December 2022, which received overall positive responses and stimulated ideas for future collaborations.

Awards

Steven Krauwer Award

The 9th award ceremony for the Steven Krauwer Award took place during the CLARIN Annual Conference 2022.

The Steven Krauwer Award for Early Career Researcher in 2022 was awarded to Roberts Darģis (University of Latvia/CLARIN-LV). The Steven Krauwer Awards for CLARIN Achievements in 2022 were awarded to the u4u Team of the Charles Translator for Ukraine, and Jörg Tiedemann and the Helsinki MT Group.

Teaching with CLARIN Award

The Teaching with CLARIN Award is given to lecturers or other educational professionals who have successfully integrated CLARIN resources into the courses they teach and/or for training material they developed and submitted in response to the Teaching CLARIN in Times of Corona call. The three awards were handed out during the CLARIN Annual Conference to Kristina Pahor de Maiti, Ajda Prestnar Žagar, Darja Fišer, Jurgita Vaičenionienė and Rachele Sprugnoli.

Financials

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RESULT -€12,803 €12,597

The accounts for the participation by CLARIN ERIC and other CLARIN nodes in projects funded by EU programmes are not included in this overview.