State of the CLARIN Infrastructure

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Where do we stand? 1/5

- Strategy 2021-2023: Language as social and cultural data
  Enhanced infrastructural support for research based on language materials

- 22 + 2 countries

- Federated service offer, access to
  - FAIR data
  - Chainable tools

- > 60 registered centres
  - 25 certified B-centres
  - Network of K-centres

- Strongly aligned with the Open Science agenda, focus on interoperability
Where do we stand? 2/5

**CLARIN Resources Families**

a strategic pillar for harmonisation to advance:

- Collaboration across national consortia
- Increased interoperability due to better metadata quality
- Alignment with disciplinary and multidisciplinary agendas involving comparative research across languages and regions

**ParlaMint**: CLARIN flagship project

- Towards Comparable Parliamentary Corpora
- Data release: [https://www.clarin.eu/content/parlamint](https://www.clarin.eu/content/parlamint)
- Parliamentary data covered for > languages
- Funding period extended: 2021-2023
- Data
Where do we stand? 3/5

Collaboration in the SSHOC project continued as SSH Open Cluster

- Collaboration between all SSH research infrastructures; support for users of cultural data, language data, survey data, and other relevant digital objects

Themes:
- Federation of resources at SSH level
- SSH Open Marketplace: link
- Methodological frameworks for a.o. heterogenous data, mixed methods, multimedia

New in 2022
- Collaboration in EOSC Future (H2020) on META-COVID: ParlaMint data, social media data, survey data; match with health domain vocabularies; Bazaar!
- Collaboration with other RI clusters intensified
Where do we stand? 4/5

CLARIN Ambassador programme and other events aimed at uptake in a wide range of communities of use

- Webinars (e.g., on how to use tools for interview transcription)
- Tutorials (e.g. for librarians on when/how CLARIN resources can be used)
- Helsinki Digital Humanities Hackathon: ‘Parliamentary Debates in COVID Times’

Opportunities for CLARIN funding & support

- CLARIN training suite: ‘Teaching with CLARIN’
- CLARIN Trainer Network Programme
- Support for virtual events
- Seed grants for Horizon Europe proposal preparation
Where do we stand? 5/5

Website and outreach material
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• Promotional video

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• Context for high quality publications, suited for wider audiences
• Coupled to Tour de CLARIN
• Impact stories for diverse audiences: research, teaching, expertise, collaboration beyond academia
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Promotional Video as Introduction into CLARIN

https://youtu.be/lfDWBaaAclw

Interoperable
thanks to CLARIN's promotion of open science standards

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Reusable
Where do we want to go? 1/5

Strategy theme: *Language as social and cultural data (2021-2023)*

Enhanced infrastructural support for research based on language materials

The position of CLARIN in the landscape is in part fuelled by the ever increasing datafication of culture and society: more and more aspects in everyday life are captured as digital and *machine-actionable data sets*, including language materials.

This is calling for a range of *data science methods*, including approaches geared towards the processing of language data, as well as guidelines for *responsible data science practices*.

More and more *language data from the cultural heritage domain* is becoming available in digital form, which increases the potential for supporting *digital humanities agendas*. 
Where do we want to go? 2/5

Focus on the potential for impact

• more alignment with (multi)disciplinary research agendas and collaboration with mission-driven research initiatives
  • COST-actions
  • Horizon Europe Pillar 2 projects
  • UN Sustainable Development Goals: link
• applications /workflows for
  • the development of tools for studying and informing policy responses to global crises (e.g., climate change, migration, COVID-19)
  • the study of mental health conditions and tools for health interventions
  • The application of AI-based models
• exploring models for innovation an collaboration with industry
Where do we want to go? 3/5

Reinforced support for CLARIN nodes
• Coordination among K-centres
• Support for more synergy between committees
• Website to be a reinforced hub for knowledge exchange

Reinforced collaboration with other infrastructural initiatives
• alignment with dynamics in the landscape of the European Open Science Cloud
  - CLARIN joined the EOSC Association as member
  - participation in EOSC Task Forces
• joint planning with SSH cluster: SSH Open Marketplace
• GLAM-sector: Europeana, LIBER, libraries, archives, …
• Platforms for language data: ELG, Humming Face, LDaCA, …
Where do we want to go? 4/5

**Gender Equality Plan**
- In alignment with what has become a requirement for participation in Horizon Europe, a gender equality plan (GEP) for CLARIN is under development.
- Initial focus on central organisation
- Next steps: monitor equality dimensions in general in the wider network

12th CLARIN Annual Conference 2023: in hybrid format again?
Where do we want to go? 5/5

Composition Board of Directors
• As of March 2022: new member Antal van den Bosch (successor for Andreas Witt)
• As of January 2023: Darja Fiser to start her role as the new executive director
• As of January 2023: Francesca Frontini to start a second term as BoD member
• As always: Dieter van Uytvanck, technical director & vice-executive director

Benefit from new structure in the CLARIN Office team
• As of 1 October 2022: Patris van Boxel, Chief Operations Officer
• Details on the rest of the crowd (https://www.clarin.eu/governance/clarin-office): Quirijn Backx, Leon Wessels, Maria Eskevich, Nicola Piras, Elisa Gorgaini, Eleni Zimianiti, David Bordon, Iullianna van der Lek, Julia Misersky, Karina Berger
Funding & support opportunities (www.clarin.eu/funding)