



CLARIN ERIC STRATEGIC PLAN and WORKPLAN 2012

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Overview of the strategy plan



- Vision – eight pillars
- Mission
- Guiding principles
- Strategy for each pillar
- Risk assessment
- Concluding remarks

Vision – 8 pillars



- a. Coverage: access to all public language data
- b. Legal: for research no restrictions other than ethical
- c. Integration of data: metadata and content search over the whole data space
- d. Integration of services: combinable advanced tools
- e. Preservation: sustainable access to what is there
- f. Ease of access: no technical obstacles for HSS scholars
- g. Crossing borders: disciplines, countries, continents
- h. Sustainability: financial, technical, organisational

Mission for the 8 pillars



- a. Coverage: all EU+A states, all collections, access across borders
- b. Legal: light licensing, authorization and authentication, IPR
- c. Integration of data: shared standards for metadata and data
- d. Integration of services: standards for interoperability
- e. Preservation: depositing facilities, persistent identifiers
- f. Ease of access: interfaces, support, training
- g. Crossing borders: bridges to other communities
- h. Sustainability: secure future after initial 5 years, based on what happens inside and outside CLARIN

Guiding Principles



- Separation of governance and operations
- Light coordination
- Aim at free access
- Countries free in what they do, but not how
- CLARIN ERIC will not own data but facilitate access
- Participation in CLARIN construction activities is open to others
- CLARIN will not duplicate but team up with those doing similar things

Action lines and targets - 1



- a. Coverage: consolidate 9 members, reach out to others, 15 members in 3 years, 20 in 5 years
- b. Legal: license templates promoted for new and legacy data, talk to legislators about IPR, establish AA in “old” and “new” countries

3 year goal: all new material developed will be made available under the standard license template and all legacy material will be provided with proper, complete and consistent licenses. AA system fully operational in all launching member countries

5 year goal: same for all members who joined

Action lines and targets - 2



c. Integration of data: standards action plan, tools for mapping, tools for curation; identify priority areas for cross border research

3 year goal: coherent sets of data in good shape for research in cross-country/cross-lingual matters. Areas to be determined late 2012.

5 year goal: broader range of topics, languages and countries, based on what countries can offer

Action lines and targets - 3



- d. Integration of services: interoperability, identify chainable services, work on showcases
3 years: coherent set of convincing web services for specific research areas
5 years: broad spectrum of services
- e. Preservation: identify at least 1 centre per country, work on change of culture, follow broader data initiatives;
in 3 years all data and tools from funded projects deposited
5 years: CLARIN will be collaborating with emerging European or global infrastructures

Action lines and targets - 4



- f. Ease of access: KSI to support ease of access, awareness, training & support, curricula, centres of expertise; Portal targeting different audiences; Interfaces and visualization
3 years: portal, awareness actions, 5 centres of expertise, first curriculum plans
5 years: same but broader scope, Centres of expertise in place for all major areas
- g. Crossing borders: 3 years: develop long term vision, but start from existing collaborations; use language as vehicle to collaborate with other disciplines; inter RI, international collaboration; explore industrial collaboration models; explore collaboration with libraries
5 years: more of the same, to be determined

Action lines and targets - 5



- h. Sustainability: demonstrate societal impact; review sustainability models; after 3 years vision and strategy, including success measures and plan 5 years: the following 5 years should be guaranteed

Risk assessment - 1



- **Risk I: Implementation of common CLARIN infrastructure is delayed or stalled, due to technical or logistical reasons**
- Contingency
 - If e.g. Technical centres cannot be established at the national plan, other members may help out
 - Follow up with national coordinators and working groups

Risk assessment - 2



- **Risk II: Common CLARIN infrastructure does not conform to emerging state-of-the-art**
- Preventive actions (pillar e): CLARIN partners collaborate in EUDAT and DASISH, and follow the international development (e.g. Research Data Alliance, RDA) closely

Risk assessment - 3



- **Risk III: CLARIN does not attract a critical mass of scholars in HSS**
- Preventive actions (pillar f)
 - Showcases
 - Knowledge sharing infrastructure
 - Portal, easy access
 - Collaboration with other infrastructures with humanities users

Risk assessment - 4



- **Risk IV: Implementation of CLARIN infrastructure is delayed or stalled due to discontinued funding at the national level**
- Preventive actions (this is pillar a and h)
 - Members are in principle in for 5 years
 - After 3 years a strategy and plan has to be agreed (list of possible funding sources is in the plan)



CLARIN ERIC WORK PLAN 2012

Organisational issues



- Headquarters
 - Formal issues, physical premises, staff, agreement with UU etc.
- Board of Directors
 - Distribution of tasks, agreements with universities, websites
 - Setting up working structures and make them work (BoD, NCF, SCCTC, SAB, Centre assessment committee)
 - By-laws

CLARIN Construction



a. CLARIN Agreements

– Important exercise, major task

Technical centres

Extending with new members and observers, and Art. 18. (NO, FI, UK, F, I, SE, MT, Südtirol, HU, PT)

b. Legal issues



- License template revisited
- Working group on legal issues

c. Integration of data and d. services



- BoD to suggest plan for integration
- Collaboration between NCF and SCCTC
 - Select priority areas for integration, for showcasing – making sure to have showcases for users
- Annual conference, internal, common understanding of framework, goals and strategy
- Standards action plan (BoD), working group, workshop

e. Preservation & f. Access



- Each member to appoint at least one centre where users can deposit data and tools for long term preservation and access.
- PID service
- CLARIN Portal
- Educational material
- CLARIN Knowledge centres, criteria, candidate centres identified
- Helpdesk

g. Crossing borders & h. Sustainability



- Collaboration with other RIs and other RI projects
- Collaboration with international partners
- Success criteria for CLARIN



Thank you for your attention