

State of the infrastructure - in my perspective

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CLARIN and me: How did it start? A bit of history

- Point of departure: ESFRI Roadmap 2006
 - ESFRI created 2002
 - The first roadmap – how to get into it?
 - Efforts started 2005 (or before)
 - Several consortia had made proposals, were told to join forces
 - Had a number of difficult meetings, but ended up agreeing
 - Succeeded to get into the first ESFRI roadmap 2006
 - Peter Wittenburg, Steven Krauwer
 - When CLARIN was on the roadmap, then this opened a possibility to apply for a preparatory phase project which was of course done
 - At some point I was asked to join the proposal – but only because somebody else did not accept. So, this was the start of my CLARIN career, being the second choice.

The Preparatory Phase Project 2008-2011



Next step was to set up CLARIN ERIC

- During the Preparatory Phase Project, the ERIC regulation had been developed
- And meetings had been held with country representatives to prepare the involvement in CLARIN ERIC
- Ended up with 9 founding members
- CLARIN became the second ERIC in February 2012

7.5 years have passed since February 2012 – what has happened?

A lot has happened,

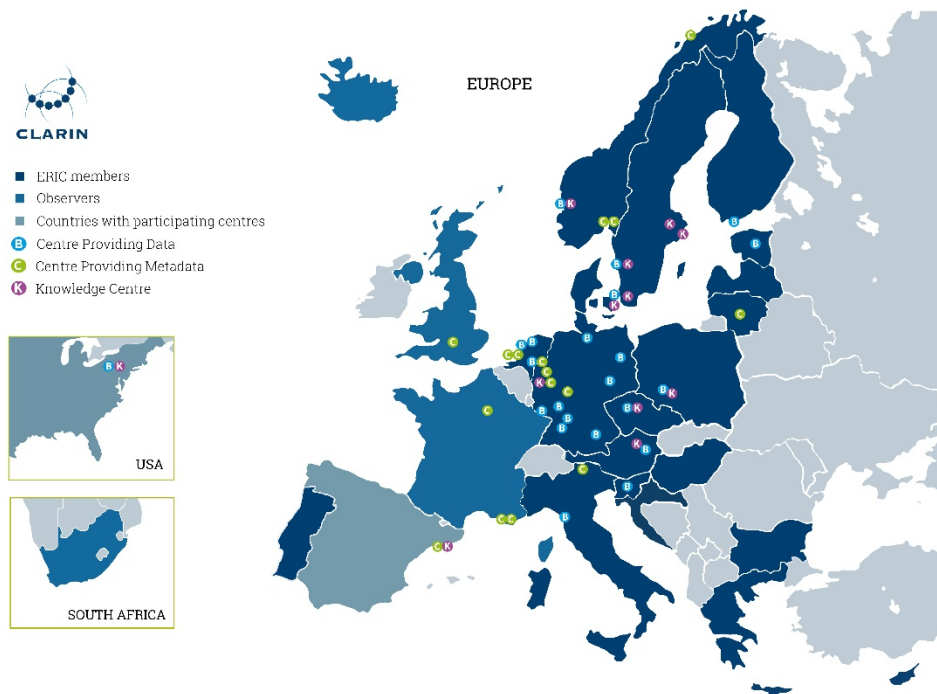
- Members
- Technical infrastructure, services, centrally and locally
- Data, again centrally and locally
- Knowledge sharing infrastructure
- Committees
- Governance structure

I will focus on a few things, mostly those where I have been involved

CLARIN ERIC 2019: members and technical centres

A consortium of:

- 20 members: AT, BG, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, FI, GR, HR, HU, IT, LT, LV, NL, NO, PL, PT, SE, SI
- 4 observers: IS, FR, UK, ZA
- 22 B-centres
- 19 C-centres



CLARIN Knowledge sharing infrastructure

- Sharing of expertise and best practices
 - K-Centres: 18
 - Annual Conference
 - Support for workshops
 - Mobility grants
 - Thematic committees
 - Ambassador network

Governance

- Governance structure
 - During the preparatory phase, it was my task to develop the draft statutes – at the same time as the guidelines for ERIC regulation were developed.
 - Recently we have changed the structure a bit and it is to be seen whether this is an improvement which is sufficient, or if other changes have to be made as well. This will be an ongoing task for management.
- Measure progress
 - This is another field I have been working in. Steven and I came up with a proposal for KPIs, a proposal which has recently been slightly modified, and I hope it will prove useful.
- Value Proposition
 - Steven, Dieter and I also made the first proposal for the CLARIN Value Proposition.

Summing up

- **In my opinion CLARIN is in very good shape**
- **CLARIN is well prepared for the future**
- **This is because of all the work all of you are doing**
- **So, I retire with no fear**

Take care of CLARIN!
Thank you for your attention

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