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1 Summary

In the following we will report on the third B centre evaluation round which was carried out in March-May 2014. In this third evaluation round a newly updated *CLARIN B Centre Checklist* has been used¹, which tries to be more explicit about which information to be provided, and how the criteria can be checked. This was done to make it easier for the centres to provide enough information at application time, and also to make it easier for the CLARIN Assessment Committee to do consistent and uniform checking.

In this round – as in the other rounds – we will not give any label indicating the state of the centre. For each centre we will recommend if the centre can be granted the label as a CLARIN B Centre, and give a general comment, and perhaps add a list of remarks for improvements.

We suggest that the evaluation will be valid for two years, as we are still fine-tuning the B centre assessment process and as changes in the requirements might be needed.

We also suggest that all centres can clarify the points mentioned below by short statements to the Chair of the CLARIN Assessment Committee and the chair of the SCCTC in case that the remarks or corresponding evaluation results are not agreed on.

Five centres applied for assessment in the second round.

CAC recommends that the centres:

- CELR
- Clarin Centre Vienna
- Meertens
- Huygens ING

are certified as CLARIN B Centres, when they resolve the issues that need clarifications or extensions as noted in the comments below.

CAC suggests that the assessment of Talkbank is waiting for a clarification of the connection between CLARIN ERIC and Talkbank. The CAC will then assess the technical part of the assessment of Talkbank as a B Centre.

2 General Points

The reviewers in the CAC would like to mention that:

- There are different ways for displaying CLARIN visibility from the centre websites; the CAC suggests to CLARIN ERIC to make a recommendation about how a centre should refer to either CLARIN ERIC or to the national CLARIN consortium.

¹ Clarin B Centre Checklist [CE-2013-0095](#)

² See www.clarin.eu/spf#state for the latest situation. It should be noted that the metadata

- The reviewers are not able to test SP access from both national and non-national IdP for a centre, but what is tested as the minimum is the existence of CLARIN IdP login and the availability of a discovery service for national and non-national IdPs
- The reviewers do not make statements about the quality of the metadata or the content of the resources. Only random samples of resources were investigated, and only for the existence of CMDI metadata and PID use.

3 Center Evaluations

3.1 CELR

It is recommended that CLER becomes a CLARIN B centre, when it fulfils the following criterion:

- The DSA is granted. The DSA has been applied for but is not granted yet.

Other remarks:

- The login from non-national IdPs does not work, but this is caused by not yet distributed SP metadata and the problem should disappear when this is done².
- For the four CMDI profiles used, 42%-50% of the elements lack ISOcat ConceptLinks. Used CMDI profiles should contain ConceptLinks. As the profiles are public this cannot easily be changed for the current profiles, so either new profiles with ISOcat links are needed, or CELR could investigate how the links could be added to the existing public profile (there is a backdoor in the component registry that makes this possible).

3.2 Clarin Centre Vienna

It is recommended that Clarin Centre Vienna becomes a CLARIN B centre as it fulfils the criteria.

Other remarks:

- The login from non-national IdPs does not work, but this is caused by not yet distributed SP metadata and the problem should disappear when this is done³.

3.3 Huygens ING

It is recommended that Huygens ING becomes a CLARIN B Centre, when it fulfils the following the criteria⁴:

- Connection from the CLARIN IdP to the centre has to be implemented.
- Connection from non-national IdPs to the centre has to be implemented.

² See www.clarin.eu/spf#state for the latest situation. It should be noted that the metadata distribution bottleneck lays at the CLARIN ERIC and that this will be addressed during the next few months.

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⁴ Updated example PIDs can be found here: (metadata) <http://hdl.handle.net/11240/c6ab173c-3178-427c-a8e7-23aeb237da25> and (original data) <http://hdl.handle.net/11240/5d8c67d2-43cc-4685-8002-085881a27ff0>

3.4 Meertens Instituut

It is recommended that Meertens Instituut becomes a CLARIN B centre, when it fulfils the following the criteria:

- The CMDI profiles should be made public. The Centre states: “*almost ALL profiles are private as the Meertens Instituut reserves the right to modify their profiles at any given moment. Keeping the profiles private removes the need to modify the schema reference in each individual CMDI instance, thus reducing the contamination of the ComponentRegistry*”. The CAC understand the choice of the centre, but as it is a CLARIN B Centre requirement to use public profiles, the profiles have to be public.

Other remarks:

- The login from KALMAR IdPs does not work, but this is caused by not yet distributed SP metadata and the problem should disappear when this is done⁵.
- For the CMDI profiles used, some of the elements lack ISOcat ConceptLinks. These ConceptLinks should be added.

⁵ See www.clarin.eu/spf#state for the latest situation. It should be noted that the metadata distribution bottleneck lays at the CLARIN ERIC and that this will be addressed during the next few months.