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1 Summary

In the following we will report on the fourth B centre evaluation round which was carried out October 2014- January 2015. The fourth evaluation round uses the same *CLARIN B Centre Checklist* as used in the third round¹. The checklist tries to be explicit about which information to be provided, and how the criteria can be checked.

In this round – as in the other rounds – we will not give any graded 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, 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 changes in the requirements might be needed.

As the ISOcat registry is being transformed at the end of 2014, the ISOcat criterion has been checked December 2014, but the assessment criteria will have to be updated for the fifth round. Also the criterion that *used CMDI profiles have to be public* will need an update as CMDI is being updated to handle publicly accessible draft versions of profiles, and in the future the criteria will have to be adjusted to the new facilities of CMDI. This draft publication is needed as making a profile public currently prevents future changes and that is not optimal for neither the centres nor collaboration on CMDI.

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.

This report includes assessment of two centres. One centre applied for assessment in the fourth round, but the technical part of the assessment of Talkbank as a B Centre are also reported on here. The report from the third round requested that the clarification of the connection between CLARIN ERIC and Talkbank was carried out before doing a technical assessment. Now Talkbank and CLARIN ERIC have signed a MoU.

CAC recommends that the centres:

- CLARIN-PL
- Talkbank

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

CAC also wants to summarize that from the earlier assessment rounds one centre is still in process, namely CELR, as they have decided to restart their DSA procedure.

¹ Clarin B Centre Checklist CE-2013-0095: <http://hdl.handle.net/1839/00-DOCS.CLARIN.EU-78>

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 CLARIN ERIC to make a recommendation about how a centre should refer to either CLARIN ERIC or to the national CLARIN consortium.
- The reviewers are not always 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 Centre Evaluations

3.1 CLARIN-PL

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

- The DSA is granted. The DSA has been applied for but is not granted yet.
- The login from non-national IdPs is implemented. This is currently caused by not yet distributed SP metadata and the problem should disappear when this is done².

Other remarks:

- For the single CMDI profile in use, 6% of the elements lack ISOcat ConceptLinks. Used CMDI profiles should contain ConceptLinks for all elements. As the profiles are public this cannot easily be changed for the current profiles, but it is suggested to make the author of the profile aware of this.
- The HTML content negotiation is not implemented yet for the MdSelfLinks (e.g. <http://hdl.handle.net/11321/6@format=cmdi> returns the CMDI file).

3.2 Talkbank

The MoU between CLARIN ERIC and Talkbank is accepted to fulfil the criterion on centre compliance. It is recommended that Talkbank becomes a CLARIN B.

Other remarks:

- The HTML content negotiation is not implemented yet for the MdSelfLinks (e.g. <hdl:11312/t-00015894-1> returns the CMDI file).

² See www.clarin.eu/spf#state for the latest situation.