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## 1 Summary

In the following we will report on the fifth B centre evaluation round which was carried out May 2015 - June 2015. The fifth evaluation round uses the same *CLARIN B Centre Checklist* as used in the last two rounds<sup>1</sup>. The checklist tries to be explicit about which information to be provided, and how the criteria can be checked. The centre committee has agreed to rearrange the checklist before the next evaluation round, as we believe it can be better structured and some of the old requirements might have to be reformulated.

In this round – as in the other rounds – we will not give a 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.

### *Assessment period*

As this round only contains reassessments for centres that already have been accepted as CLARIN B centres two years ago, we suggest that the evaluation will be valid for three years. However, reassessment is needed as changes in the requirements has been agreed on in the meanwhile, and new criteria have been added since the first assessment two years ago.

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

This report includes assessment of nine centres.

### **CAC recommends that the centres:**

- BBAW: Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities
- IDS: Institut für Deutsche Sprache
- MPI: MPI for Psycholinguistics
- U Hamburg: Hamburger Zentrum für Sprachkorpora
- U Leipzig: ASV Leipzig
- U Munchen: Bayerisches Archiv für Sprachsignale
- U Stuttgart: Institut für Maschinelle Sprachverarbeitung
- U Saarbrücken: Universität des Saarlandes
- U Tübingen: Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

**Are certified as CLARIN B Centres, when they have addressed the issues that need clarifications or extensions as noted in section 3 below.**

If the clarifications or extensions are not fulfilled within 2015, including renewal of DSA certificate it is recommended that the CLARIN B Centre label is revoked.

<sup>1</sup> Clarin B Centre Checklist [CE-2013-0095](#)

CAC also wants to summarize that from the earlier assessment rounds one centre is still in awaiting final certification (CELR, which has decided to restart the DSA procedure) and that the CLARIN-PL Language Technology Centre now is part of the SPF and thus can be granted the B-centre status.

## 2 General Points

The reviewers in the CAC would like to draw attention to the following general issues.

### *CLARIN Visibility*

There are different ways for displaying CLARIN visibility from the centre web-sites; the CAC suggests CLARIN ERIC to make minimum recommendations for how a centre should refer to either CLARIN ERIC or to the national CLARIN consortium.

### *Test of access from IdPs*

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. However, some centres only offer public resources, so they have in some cases no SP access enabled.

### *Quality of metadata*

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.

### *ISOcat transformed to CCR*

As the ISOcat registry at the end of 2014 was transformed to the CCR, the degree of fulfilling the ISOcat criterion will not be reported on. The checking of CCR-link completeness will have to be reformulated for the next round of assessments and the possibility to add CCR-links to public CMDI profiles also has to be enabled if the criteria that profiles should have 100% links to CCR should be kept.

### *Use of public CMDI profiles*

The CMDI profiles, that a centre uses, have to be public to be accepted in assessment. As mentioned above, in the current version of CMDI, public profiles cannot get updates of links to ISOcat/CCR. We suggest that the metadata curation taskforce looks into this dilemma. We suggest that in the future the list of profiles used for harvesting is curated by the metadata curation taskforce before being used for harvesting into the VLO. This could transfer the review of usable CMDI profiles for harvesting to a forum where focus is on metadata, as this is a bit overlooked in the assessment procedure currently.

### *Certificates*

The SHA1 supported encryption method is since 2014 considered not safe enough (by Chrome<sup>2</sup>). The assessment committee suggests that the SHA1 requirement that currently is only fulfilled by being accepted by Firefox should be changed in the future version.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://googleonlinesecurity.blogspot.co.uk/2014/09/gradually-sunsetting-sha-1.html>

### 3 Centre Evaluations

Centres are specified in alphabetic order.

#### 3.1 ASV, U Leipzig

It is recommended that ASV is prolonged as a CLARIN B centre, when it fulfils the following criterion:

- The DSA is re-granted.

#### 3.2 BAS, Bayerisches Archiv für Sprachsignale, U München:

It is recommended that BAS is prolonged as a CLARIN B centre, when it fulfils the following criterion:

- The DSA is re-granted.

#### 3.3 BBAW, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities

It is recommended that BBAW are prolonged as a CLARIN B centre, when it fulfils the following criterion:

- The DSA is re-granted.

#### 3.4 Eberhard Karls Universität (U Tübingen)

It is recommended that EKUT is prolonged as a CLARIN B centre, when it fulfils the following criterion:

- The DSA is re-granted.

#### 3.5 HZSK, Hamburger Zentrum für Sprachkorpora (U Hamburg)

It is recommended that HZSK is prolonged as a CLARIN B centre, when it fulfils the following criterion:

- The DSA is re-granted.

Other remarks:

- The centre is recommended to continue working on joining the national identity federation to be able to allow national users to login.
- 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 done<sup>3</sup>.

#### 3.6 IDS, Institut für Deutsche Sprache

It is recommended that IDS are prolonged as a CLARIN B, when it fulfils the following criterion:

- The DSA is re-granted.

#### 3.7 IMS (Stuttgart)

It is recommended that IMS is prolonged as a CLARIN B centre, when it fulfils the following criterion:

- The DSA is re-granted.

#### 3.8 MPI

It is recommended that MPI are prolonged as a CLARIN B centre.

Remarks:

- The DSA is re-granted 16/6 2015.

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<sup>3</sup> See [www.clarin.eu/spf#state](http://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.

- The migration to the CLARIN discovery service should be carried out to enable users from more countries to login.

### **3.9 Uds (Saarbrücken)**

It is recommended that Uds is prolonged as a CLARIN B centre, when it fulfils the following criterion:

- The DSA is re-granted.