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## 1 Summary

In the following we will report on the seventh B centre evaluation round which was carried out April 2016 - June 2016. The seventh evaluation round uses the *CLARIN B Centre Checklist*<sup>1</sup> version. 5 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 aim for more automatic checks of the compliance in the future. Already now the Centre Registry<sup>2</sup> gives a clear overview of the Service Provider registration with the identity federations.

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/re-granted the label as a CLARIN B Centre, optional give a general comment, and perhaps add a list of remarks for improvements.

### *Assessment period*

This round contains both a reassessment for one centre that already have been accepted as CLARIN B centre two years ago, and assessment of two new centres. We suggest that the evaluation will be valid for three years. However, reassessment can be needed before the three years has passed if changes in the requirements in the meanwhile are agreed on within the CLARIN Centre Committee.

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.

For this round three centres applied for assessment.

- Language Bank of Finland
- Språkbanken at University of Gothenburg
- The CLARIN centre at University of Copenhagen

The SCCTC has agreed to postpone the reassessment of DSA for The CLARIN centre at University of Copenhagen to September, as the DSA assessment procedure is changing and the new assessment procedure will be ready in September. Furthermore current seals covering 2014-2015 have been extended to cover 2017.

Språkbanken at University of Gothenburg has encountered some issues after applying for assessment and the assessment committee suggests that the assessment is postponed until the issues have been solved.

### **CAC recommends that the centre:**

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<sup>1</sup> [Clarín B Centre Checklist](#) 2015-10-29

<sup>2</sup> Centre Registry <https://centres.clarin.eu/>

- **Language Bank of Finland**

**Is certified as a CLARIN B Centre.**

## **2 General Points**

The reviewers in the CAC would like to draw attention to the following general issues that were also mentioned in the report from the sixth round.

### *CLARIN Visibility*

There are different ways for displaying CLARIN visibility from the current 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 cannot always test SP access from both national and non-national IdPs 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. In future the assessment committee might ask the AAI taskforce to help with testing authentication. However, some centres do not implement authentication because they offer only publicly available resources.

### *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.

### *CCR*

As the ISOcat registry at the end of 2014 was transformed to the CCR, the checking now focuses on CCR-link completeness. Some profiles do not have 100% completeness but we think that this should not prevent from becoming a B Centre as long as the main part of the CCR-links exists. The option to add CCR-links to public CMDI profiles has to be handled elsewhere.

### *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 CCR. We know 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.

## **3 Centre Evaluation**

### **3.1 Language Bank of Finland**

It is recommended that The Language Bank of Finland becomes a CLARIN B centre, as it fulfils the criteria.

Other remarks:

- Consider to add a clearer reference to CLARIN ERIC by is added a CLARIN logo on the front page at <https://www.kielipankki.fi>. This can be done by adding the B centre logo when it is assigned.
- The CMDI-profiles used lacks some refs to CCR. This cannot be changed by the centre as the profiles are public, but it is just noted.
- It is suggested where feasible to consider to add links to resources in the ResourceProxyList in the CMDI-metadata.