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## 1 Summary

In the following we will report on the ninth B centre evaluation round which was carried out May 2017 - August 2017. This evaluation round uses the *CLARIN B Centre Checklist*<sup>1</sup> version 5.

The centre committee has agreed to aim for more automatic checks of the compliance in the future, but this has not yet been integrated. Hopefully, parts of the metadata curation module<sup>2</sup> can be integrated soon, but in this round it was only used manually as guidance. The Centre Registry<sup>3</sup> still gives a clear overview of the Service Provider registration with the identity federations.

For each centre, the assessment committee 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.

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.

### *Assessment period*

The CLARIN Centre Committee (SCCTC) agreed in 2015 that the evaluation of B-Centres 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 SCCTC.

For this round two centres applied for re-assessment:

- CMU Talkbank
- Instituut voor de Nederlandse Taal

And one centre applied for assessment for the first time:

- Språkbanken

**CAC recommends that the centres:**

- [CMU-Talkbank](#)
- [Instituut voor de Nederlandse Taal](#)

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

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

<sup>2</sup> Curation Module, available at <https://clarin.oew.ac.at/curate/#!Collections>

<sup>3</sup> Centre Registry, available at <https://centres.clarin.eu/>

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

The datacenter at Språkbanken has not been able to respond to clarification questions from the Assessment Committee during the Summer period, so the assessment is suggested to be postponed to the next round, which has deadline mid October 2017.

## 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 as minimum the test include existence of CLARIN IdP login and the availability of a discovery service for national and non-national IdPs. The assessment committee also wants to thank the AAI taskforce for helping with testing authentication. However, some centres might not implement authentication as they only offer 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.

### *User help page describing options for sign-up*

Some centres guide users about their options and benefits of logging-in. We suggest that all centres create a help text/page that informs users of the options for logging-in and what resources they might get access to – sometimes depending on the chosen option for log-in. An example can be seen at: <https://lindat.mff.cuni.cz/en/how-do-i-sign-up>.

## 3 Centre Evaluation

### 3.1 CMU-Talkbank

It is recommended that CMU-Talkbank is prolonged as a CLARIN B centre, when it fulfils the following criteria:

- The DSA is re-granted.

#### **Other remarks:**

- The CLARIN Service Provider Federation currently does not include any US Identity Provider (apart from CMU) - since the US is not a CLARIN member. Therefore the requirement to provide protected resources via the SPF does not apply in this case.

### 3.2 Instituut voor de Nederlandse Taal - IvdNT

It is recommended that Instituut voor de Nederlandse Taal is prolonged as a CLARIN B centre, when it fulfils the following criterion:

- The DSA is re-granted.

**Other remarks:**

- The [https://portal.clarin.inl.nl/shib\\_test/shib\\_test.pl](https://portal.clarin.inl.nl/shib_test/shib_test.pl) is currently not working as expected, a minor adjustment might be necessary.
- The FCS endpoint is not compatible with FCS v.2 content search. To support the CLARIN work programme it is suggested that FCS is upgraded to FSC v.2.