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0 Action points

#	Action	By whom	By when
1	Set up small author task force to summarize proposals made for archiving software (agenda point 4)	Lene	Next SCCTC meeting
2	Submission of evaluation documents and web pages must be accompanied by a short summary in English. Add this requirement to the B-centre criteria	Lene	Next SCCTC meeting
4	Propose new centre labels as a more human-readable alternative to the letters	Dieter/Karolina	a.s.a.p.
5	Send feedback concerning assessment fee to DSA so, they can take this into account. Also stress we need a quick answer and are informed formally of changes (not through the grapevine)	Dieter	a.s.a.p. [done]
6	Look what is available as alternatives for DSA	Dieter	a.s.a.p. [done]

1 Agenda

The following agenda was approved:

1. Agenda
2. Approval minutes last meeting & action point status ([CE-2017-1086](#))
3. Assessments:

1. Approval minor updates to the B-Centre checklist ([CE-2013-0095 version 6](#))
2. Planning assessment round 10: deadline 16 October
3. Update on DSA with regards to the newly launched CoreTrustSeal
4. Ingredients for the Centre Committee workplan for 2018 ([CE-2017-1099](#))
5. Open slot for discussion of various themes (half an hour)
6. [if time permits, otherwise written reports] Reports from the task forces: (task force coordinators) -> see Google Doc
 - CMDI
 - Metadata curation
 - Federated Content Search
 - Persistent Identifiers
 - AAI
7. [if time permits, otherwise written reports] Status update per country/member (all) -> please add a snippet for your country to the reporting Google Doc
8. Any other business

2 Approval minutes and action points

The minutes of the 4 September 2017 SCCTC meeting are approved.

3 Assessments

1. Approval minor updates to the B-Centre checklist ([CE-2013-0095 version 6](#))

In the newest version of the B-Centre checklist some small details have been updated.

The SCCTC committee has no objections and approves the distributed version 6 of document CE-2013-0095.

2. Planning assessment round 10: deadline 16 October

The deadline (16 October, Monday evening) works for everyone.

Overview of centres that are planning to submit in this next round are:

- EE
- AT
- SE
- IT (already submitted)

3. Update on DSA with regards to the newly launched CoreTrustSeal

DSA vs CoreTrustSeal:

- The DSA procedure will be merged into the CoreTrustSeal, starting 1 January 2018 (as will the [WDS](#) assessment procedure).

- This is part of a longer-running process started in the RDA working group on certification.
- The questions to be answered for the CoreTrustSeal are exactly the same as the DSA 2017 - 2019.
 - The centres with the DSA 17-19 seal can also feature the CoreTrustSeal label.
- The new web application for the CoreTrustSeal (to submit assessments) should be ready end of October.
- The possibility to submit via the DSA portal will be disabled in November / December
 - guess this depends on the availability of the new tool
- No such thing like a free seal
- Plans to ask a fee per assessment
 - Not yet finalized, amount still internally discussed
 - Initial idea: 1000 EUR/assessment
 - Comparison: [NESTOR](#) currently asks 500 EUR

Feedback on the DSA fee for assessment:

Menzo Windhouwer (CLARIN/Meertens): cost calculation for website, incoming mails, not the intention that the people that do assessment are paid.

Riccardo Del Gratta (IT): does this count for the running assessment. Start now, no start in January 2018 not the previous assessments.

Marcin Pol (PL): last year they changed the questions, now the fee, what is next? Not stable.

Lene Offersgaard (DK): response time should be more reliable, they should also be more professional in the workflow.

Daan Broeder (NL): consider all option, Nestor more complicated but maybe better. DSA changes a lot even though it is for the better I would rather have a stable position when I must pay for something, even though it is more complicated.

Brian MacWhinney (CMU, Talkbank): not surprised that we have to pay, fee valid for 3 yrs. Turn-around time is poor, payment is not so bad but would it improve the turn-around time?

Jan Hajič (CZ): Payment is not a problem, with the hope that it gets more professional, but it is hard to find out. Maybe need an exit strategy. Need someone to summarize what Nestor is and what the different is. Stopping assessment externally means giving up a higher degree of trust.

Robert Dargis (LV): What happens when you re-assess? Pay again?

Dieter Van Uytvanck (CLARIN ERIC): Not yet sure how that works.

Matej Ďurčo (AT): Quality of services improved as well? Would be nice to have this on paper.

Martin Mathiessen (FI): Maybe not a big fee for 3 yrs. Still logic it is a peer review process. Nestor is not known to me, might be more complicated but the process might be more streamlined.

Dirk Goldhahn (DE): Mannheim might use Nestor and write a text about what happens (when it happens has been postponed) and how it works for them.

Fee could pose some problems, if suddenly they shut down the DSA website and ask a fee. Announce it early on, it could make a lot of people very insecure about the procedure if they DSA does not inform early on.

Leif-Jöran Olsson (SE): The Swedish National Archive, also used Nestor, but does not see the added value of that at all. Takes a lot of time and a lot of writing. Don't think we should go for Nestor.

Menzo Windhouwer (CLARIN/Meertens): Fee on CLARIN level?

Dieter Van Uytvanck (CLARIN ERIC): Agreed to pay 200 euro per initiated assessment by BoD, maybe we can get a discount as a large customer. Discuss with Centre committee and NCF if it is a reasonable price. How is the service level? look at the total package. Cannot guarantee that CLARIN ERIC can play a role in this.

Martin Mathiessen (FI): how the money gets out of the national pockets. We have no influence on their decision, change the rules.

Dieter Van Uytvanck (CLARIN ERIC): Do we continue with DSA or not? We could have a test period in DSA (is it good enough? well organized?) and see if we get something worth paying for it.

Marcin: In 2015 there were almost 28 seals needed and in 2018 there will be about 30 re-assessment necessary, this will be a high number for them.

Daan Broeder (NL): How many people are involved in the evaluation board?

Dieter Van Uytvanck (CLARIN ERIC): Quality of services is the most important for this.

Robert Dargis (LV): There could be problems with getting funds. It might be a problem to get funding for evaluation separately, maybe easier to include it in national funding.

4 Ingredients for the Centre Committee workplan for 2018

Dieter Van Uytvanck (CLARIN ERIC) presented the ingredients for the Centre Committee workplan 2018. Other suggestions for the workplan 2018:

Matej Ďurčo (AT): The list is boring and more of the same. Maybe we want to come up with something new and inventive to show to the outside world and keep them interested. Focus on innovation.

Dieter Van Uytvanck (CLARIN ERIC): We can take this into account for 2018. Exploring new exciting technologies that can be implemented should be discussed within a group and if this is to be implemented in the workplan 2018 this could be discussed very soon.

Marcin Pol (PL): Show functionality. Use VLO to show interesting things in our centres. Showing functionalities is not boring.

Leif-Jöran Olsson (SE): We need to have the interest of the centres to participate.

Brian MacWhinney (CMU, Talkbank): Is it about infrastructure only? or is CLARIN/CLARIN-PLUS doing more than infrastructure? Basically, tools are most exciting for users.

Dieter Van Uytvanck (CLARIN ERIC): CLARIN ERIC works on the infrastructure, for instance a portal gets connected to the switchboard making sure to get to the exciting tools.

Brian MacWhinney (CMU, Talkbank): Keep thinking about tools and do not get stuck on infrastructure only. Wonderful parts happen in the centres but should be happening central as well.

Dieter Van Uytvanck (CLARIN ERIC): There are workshops for this (Type I and II). There is internal collaboration between centres. Let us know what should be pushed in the CLARIN infrastructure.

Brian MacWhinney (CMU, Talkbank) Speech recognition, sharing models' data bases, if people have developed these.

Daan Broeder (NL): Not such a strong separation between infrastructure and research environment. CLARIN ERIC could do more to facilitate more for sharing tools and technologies, especially ones that have been tested by partners. By having registry of tools and have are partners evaluate them and comment, reviews.

Dieter Van Uytvanck (CLARIN ERIC): Having realistic test of tools on the switchboard will be addressed.

Brian MacWhinney (CMU, Talkbank): Sometimes it is not clear if it is available through the VLO, it's there but you can't get there (so available but not visible). Make clear what is available and what isn't in the VLO.

Dieter Van Uytvanck (CLARIN ERIC): Manually evaluate what is in there and what is available or not. I agree it is good focus point make clearer what is available and improve what is available (label the ones not available).

Dieter Van Uytvanck (CLARIN ERIC): CLARIN ERIC can talk to centres that are having issues for technical or legal reasons. This way CLARIN ERIC is aware of it and can do something.

Themes that are mentioned to be included:

- AAI: user delegation (MW)
- Interoperability (DB)
- Federated Content Search: improved uptake (LJO)
- Tools (BMW)
- Scalability (RD)

5 Open slot for discussion of various themes (half an hour)

Themes that we have as a larger point on the agenda to discuss for a slot in an upcoming Centre Committee meeting.

Lene Offersgaard (DK): Data management coordination in CLARIN and different activities in data countries. Would like to see CLARIN in data management discussed in Centre Committee and not just on a political level.

Dieter Van Uytvanck (CLARIN ERIC): Write a short report on how CLARIN is addressing data management plans, on FAIR etc. This is needed for NCF and policymakers.

6 Reports from the task forces: (task force coordinators)

CMDI:

- Ongoing work (together with the Metadata Curation TF) on Best Practices (BP) guide
 - A draft is available at <https://www.clarin.eu/content/cmd-best-practice-guide>
 - Submission for CAC to present the BP guide was accepted and will be presented (also prepared Bazaar presence)
 - Feedback is very much appreciated! (visit the Bazaar or contact cmdi@clarin.eu)
- Two new members joined the task force, with France and Italy now also represented (Francesca Frontini and Alexander König)
- Meetings had in August/September:
 - <https://trac.clarin.eu/wiki/Taskforces/CMDI/Meeting20170831>
 - <https://trac.clarin.eu/wiki/Taskforces/CMDI/Meeting20170918>

Metadata Curation:

- evaluating new version of OpenSKOS as Vocabulary Repository
 - > feedback to developers at Meertens Institute
- Normalisation License/Availability facet based on CLARINO licenses overview not finished

Matej Ďurčo (AT): Discussion is needed about the curation of licensing in the VLO, needs to be prioritized. We will organize a workshop on this topic.

FCS:

- Preparations, development and reporting for release
- Aligning versions for services, libraries and tools
- Dissemination on several occasions
- Supporting centres in getting FCS 2.0 endpoints ready and online

PIDs:

- Dieter Van Uytvanck (CLARIN ERIC), make a list for centres and what kind of Persistent Identifiers they use.

AAI:

- Not much to report: Martin and Józef provided some statistics for Francesca Frontini of French CLARIN.

7 Status update per country/member (all)

Austria

- finalizing the relaunch of the repository (it already has a name: ARCHE) to be launched beginning October
- trying to install and use new version of OpenSKOS

Bulgaria

- No report

Czech Republic

- working on updating Kontext to v1.0 + new FCS 2.0 (in progress)
- PML-TQ treebank search updated with personal libraries of queries organized in lists with sharing options.
- API for a valency dictionary
- Web services in LRSwitchboard

Denmark

- Test installation of new repository - continuing activity
- Dialogue about creating more CMDI metadata
- Implementing tool workflows, enabling new tool workflows - continued activity
- Localising and uploading Danish corpora in CLARIN-DK Korp installation
- Formatting old Danish text for Korp - starting up
- Data sprint for text mining and visualizing Danish literature
- DSA renewal - continued
- Video Data Management Life Cycle Danish infrastructure pilot project

Dutch Language Union

- No report

Estonia

- Work on statements for the DSA
- Adding corpora to KORP
- Updating the repository, changing our server support (again)
- Some very slow work on the FCS endpoint for our KORP (mostly discussing the UD mapping)

Finland

Done

- Jira's Kanban Board taken into use.
- WebAnno installed locally.

In Progress

- Korp-cooperation
 - The frontend is moved to a Github fork from Gothenburg.
 - FCS still not implemented.

- Our main developer is leaving on a 3-month study leave, which will slow down Korp-development.

Germany

- No report

Greece

- No report

Hungary

- No report

Italy

- ILC4CLARIN
 - Completed and sent B assessment to Centre Committee;
 - Exist-Db as search engine in progress as new service offered to the community;
 - Started FCS and its integration with Exist-Db as search engine;

Latvia

- No report

Lithuania

- No report

The Netherlands

- No report

Norway

- No report

Poland

- Run installation NextCloud repository <https://nextcloud.clarin-pl.eu/>
- Added features to NextCloud – export to D-Space, export to CLARIN-PL apps
- Installation Kontext on CLARIN-PL <https://kontext.clarin-pl.eu/kontext>
- New feature in D-Space – export corpus to Kontext
- New webservices – available at <http://ws.clarin-pl.eu>
- New webservices in CLARIN Language Resource Switchboard
- One login to all CLARIN -PL apps (via d-space auth) – new auth webservice

Portugal

- No report

Slovenia

- Added CLARIN.SI repository to OpenAire
- Reporting and investigating issues with CLARIN.SI repository
- Localised static HTML files to Slovene in CLARIN.SI repository
- Migration to new hardware (in progress)
- Test installation of <http://www.clarin.si/noske> and <http://www.clarin.si/kontext>
- Installation of WebAnno 3 (<http://www.clarin.si/webanno/>) and (ongoing) adaptation of conversion scripts from and to TEI
- Work on exposing CLARIN.SI tools in WebLicht
- Support with preparing new entries for repository

Sweden

- Missed the assessment feedback deadline due to vacation for round 9 so aim for round 10.
- Leif-Jöran Olsson is now technical coordinator (and member of SCCTC) of Swe-Clarin since last week.
- A lot of outreach activities.

United Kingdom

- Ongoing development work on CLARIN DSpace platform for the Oxford Text Archive, but not much recent activity due to staff holidays. Launch expected October 2017.

8 Any other business

None

Next meeting: A doodle will be sent out (we will take into account the NCF meetings).