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## 0 Action points

#	Action	By whom	By when
1	Follow up with EUDAT on the price and policy of B2Safe services. Note:  <i>Note:</i> EUDAT is concerned why we need this info. Daan informed them we would like to broker this service. We are not looking for lowest price, for CLARIN it is important to have a unified price. Expect something soon.	Dieter (CE)	Asap
2	Contact all centres that have been participating in B2Safe uptake plan and see how they see the total picture.	Dieter and Willem (CE)	Asap
3	User delegation: Have a look at the plugin of the pilot version of the test instance of unity-idm.	Marcin (PL)	Asap

## 1 Agenda

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2. Approval minutes last meeting & action point status ([CE-2018-1275](#))
3. Update from the assessment committee meeting (oral) [Lene, information]
4. Approval of 11th assessment round report (CE-2018-1247 - to be distributed) [Lene, approval]
5. Proposal for new B-centre document (([CE-2013-0095](#))) [discussion]
6. Work plan Centre Committee (discussion)
  - a. Evaluation of the work plan 2018 outcomes [[CE-2017-1099](#)]
  - b. Draft work plan 2019 [[CE-2018-1305](#)]
7. Status update per country/member (please provide a short bullet-wise summary in the [google doc](#))
8. Any other business

## 2 Approval minutes and action points

Martin (FI) has asked for one change to be made in the FIN-CLARIN status report. This change has been made by LS.

The minutes of the virtual SCCTC meeting of 5 September 2018 are approved.

## 3 Update from the assessment committee meeting

Update by Lene (DK):

- We need to make clear what the idea of a B-centre is. Currently it is not optimally described. The essence of the B-centre varies per applicant and we need to make this clear on the website.
- We will ask people to hand in the CoreTrustSeal (CTS) application submission before applying for B-centres. Because some questions on both checklists are the same. These questions will not be asked again in the updated CLARIN checklist, but a reference to the corresponding CTS question will be added. The assessment committee does not have to check the answer to these questions again.
- More revised questions for B-centre checklist will come next year.
- 12<sup>th</sup> B-centre assessment round will take place by the end of November 2018. Currently Portugal and LINDAT will apply for the 12<sup>th</sup> round.

## 4 Approval of 11th assessment round report

See CE-2018-1247

Lene (DK):

- This round, 10 centres applied for re-certification and the assessments for these 10 have been concluded.
- Two centres have not been granted the B-Centre label before: CEDIFOR and DCH. For these two centres the assessment committee continues the dialogue in the coming months and gives the SCCTC recommendations later.

## 5 Proposal for new B-centre document

Proposal for new B-centre document ([CE-2013-0095](#))

Comments:

- Lene (DK): The assessment committee will not do an additional check for points that have already been assessed by the CTS.
- Daan (NL): It is good if we could ask to express the ambitions a CLARIN Centre has. This is a golden requirement. It is not extra work but simply a statement about what is important.

- Dieter (CLARIN ERIC): checking FCS endpoints can be a requirement. It does not have to be core requirement but if you have to endpoints that can be checked it has to come with some requirements. We need still some clear wording for this.

The proposal is discussed, there are no objections from the committee and we aim to have a beta version available next year.

## 6 Work plan Centre Committee

- a. Evaluation of the work plan 2018 outcomes [[CE-2017-1099](#)]
  - Dieter (CLARIN ERIC) has informed the SCCTC about the outcome and status of the workplan 2018. [see [CE-2017-1099](#)]
  - FCS Aggregator: Leif-Jöran (SE) for those who have not yet set up FCS endpoints, please give an ETA when you have them ready. We will keep this in the workplan for 2019.

- b. Draft work plan 2019 [[CE-2018-1305](#)]

Comments on workplan 2019:

- Lene (DK): It is an ambitious plan, how much work of workplan 2018 have we been able to do?
  - Dieter (CLARIN ERIC) About 75% has been of workplan 2018 has been taken care of, but certain things are out of our hands.
- Daan (NL) comment on point 6 “Projects” of the workplan 2019: Strategic coordination for these projects is necessary. Good to plan a workshop to bring together all these projects and explain CLARIN’s view.
- Vincent (DLU): From the user’s side it would help to have a help button on the websites with services for when there is a problem.
  - Martin (FI): Should every centre have that?
  - Dieter (CLARIN ERIC) We should have guidelines for making feedback an obvious thing. It should be made more user friendly to find it on the switchboard.
- Martin (FI): Point 4 about quality is really ambitious in a good way.
- Lene (DK), hopes we can send out a clarification about the centre types soon, to avoid confusion. The information is outdated so we need to release an update in December. We need to replace the old documents by one single document. A shorter text would also help to make things clearer.

The workplan Centre Committee for 2019 has been approved by the centre committee without any objections.

## 7 Status update per country/member

### Austria

- Call for contributions to CLARIAH until 2020 issued
- Implemented link checking in the curation module:  
<https://curate.acdh-dev.oeaw.ac.at/#!/Link%20Checking%20Statistics>

### Bulgaria

- In September we have received the first part of our budget to start CLaDA-BG (CLARIN and DARIAH - Bulgaria) - 400 000 Euro

### Croatia

- No report

### Czech Republic

- GPU-accelerated neural machine translation web service in production (cz<>en)
- [Czech and Slovak ASR](#) web service
- Finalizing talks with the Ministry of Education about the project LINDAT/CLARIAH-cz
- [Latvian Treebank in its full original annotation](#) added to the Tree Query service
- Applied for recertification of LINDAT/CLARIN in the fall round
- Czech National Corpus approved as Clarin K centre (associated center to Czech Clarin)
- Continued work on U.S. (LAPPS Grid) - EU (Clarin) coordination, funded by the Mellon Foundation grant (finishing in 2018, continuation under preparation)

### Denmark

- Planning user awareness activities.
- Progress in our Korp installation.
- Organisational discussions continuing with DIGHUMLAB in DK, tried to reach out to Danish Dariah, will continue to look for opportunities for collaboration.

### Dutch Language Union / Flanders

- CLARIAH-VL proposal: rebuttal and oral defense
- GrETEL as input for federated treebank search is ready in prototype (access to GrETEL treebanks and PaQu)
- FCS in nearly finished - still needs coupling with central services
- FedSearchLexica is nearly finished but not public yet

### Estonia

- 2 international conferences connected in Tartu: [6th Estonian Digital Humanities Conference Data, humanities & language: tools & applications](#), 26-27 September, and [The 8th Conference of Human Language Technologies - The Baltic Perspective](#), 27-29 September
- IT-development for FCS in Center of Estonian Language Resources started. It is based on CLARIN FCS 2.0 and adds extensions to process queries from lexical and speech (audio) corpora as well. Ask more from [kadriv@ut.ee](mailto:kadriv@ut.ee)
- Sent in the DSA amended application again. The reviewers' deadline is Nov 2nd.

### Finland

- Dariah-FI is in the planning phase, we were invited to give our perspective.
- Sensitive Data Pilot for EOSC-Hub is coming up:
  - 'Sensitive Data Pilot of Disordered Speech – Language Bank of Finland'

- FCS still not implemented.
- We move towards synchronizing with Språkbanken's Korp, we will attend a Korp planning workshop in Stockholm.
- We work on quality definitions for automatic speech recognition.

### France

- Organisation of a workshop to be held in Clermont-Ferrand in november with the support of CLARIN (see <https://corefo2018.sciencesconf.org/resource/page/id/2>)

### Germany

- Participation (with invited panel contribution by Erhard Hinrichs) in the DARIAH-DE Grand Tour Event in Darmstadt; Sept. 19-21.
- Preparation for the Third National Dissemination Workshop on Research Infrastructures for the Humanities and for Cultural Studies (to be held in Berlin on October 4th); jointly organized by CLARIN-D, DARIAH-DE, the Union of German Academies of Science, and the DHd Association.
- Project meeting of the Mellon Foundation funded LAPPS/CLARIN consortium at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, Sept. 7-9.
- Re-Assessment:
  - Preparation of common documents for CTS finished (MoU on resource handover, division of labour within CLARIN-D, contract of the consortium)
  - Centres are currently re-submitting their applications
- HelpDesk: Further discussions on integration of DARIAH-DE helpdesk (also used by DARIAH-ERIC) into the CLARIN-D instance

### Greece

- No report

### Hungary

- No report

### Italy

- Preparation CLARIN Conference 2018

### Latvia

- Preparation CLARIN Conference 2018
- Received small funding from government to develop B center

### Lithuania

- Tour de CLARIN featuring CLARIN-LT in progress

### The Netherlands

- 5 movies were made on CLARIAH in the Netherlands; they will be announced soon on the web and via the CLARIN Newsletter
- ELRC workshop held in The Hague, October 5.

## Norway

- A request for national funding for an upgrade of CLARINO through a proposed project CLARINO+ was sent to the Research Council of Norway on Oct. 5, 2018. If granted, the project will probably start in the fall of 2019. Meanwhile, the CLARINO consortium has limited means to operate and maintain the Norwegian part of the infrastructure.
- Treebank query in INESS has been enhanced with custom search patterns. Such patterns will soon be exploited by Norwegian lexicographers.

## Poland

- Expansion of the Inforex System (text corpora management system): new functions supporting WSD (Word sense disambiguation) annotations
- Cooperation (and training) with a non-governmental organization Mamprawowiedzieć (I have right to know) on the publication of the corpus of Polish MEP's statements.
- Reassessment: next round with CTS. We still have comments such as:  
*"Reviewer 1, Comments: Accept"*  
*Reviewer 2, Comments: The handle registry mints handles not DOIs."*
- D-SPACE, NextCloud and local authorization service in dockers
- Plan to dockerize Inforex and all RabbitMQ system to make it more user/developers friendly
- Docker for wordnetloom - wordnet editor application (all dockers are available at <https://hub.docker.com/u/clarinpl/>)
- D-SPACE patches/fixes

## Portugal

- Bugfixes and usability improvements to the repository and workbench components of our infrastructure
- Application for core trust seal of approval
- Preparation for B-center status application
- Working meetings at the University of Porto with research centers for Psychology and for Linguistics that are members of the national CLARIN network in preparation of the distribution of their resources through PORTULAN/CLARIN

## Slovenia

- CLARIN.SI co-organised the conference on [Language Technologies and Digital Humanities](#) on September 20-21 2018. Presented were 47 papers, including 2 talks by invited lecturers, 36 regular full papers and 5 abstracts, and 4 student papers; on-line [proceedings](#) were published.
- Continuing talks with Ministry about financing of Slovenia's ESFRI infrastructures' research equipment 2018-2021 (cohesion funds). CLARIN.SI asked for about 400k EUR financing for web servers + GPU and classical workstations, equipment to be distributed between West (1/3) and East (2/3, University of Maribor) regions.
- Continuing work on revamping TEI to WebAnno TSV to TEI conversion

## Sweden

- Swe-Clarín on tour user workshop at the National Library in Stockholm on 17th September, with about 25 participants (five from Swe-Clarín and twenty librarians eager to find out what kind of research support they could offer for their digital collections)
- New CMD profile in the workings. Ready in November.
- Arranges SLTC workshop in November
- A lot of OCR work, 1 evaluation resource for blackletter OCR is already released
- FCS Aggregator 3 rollout prepared. Giving centers heads up at taskforce meeting to get on board.

- OpenShift migration still planned for December.

#### United Kingdom

- No report

#### 3rd Parties

#### USA

- No report

## 8 AOB

- Marcin (PL) will be leaving CLARIN-PL at end of this year. A successor for the SCCTC will follow soon.
- Matej (AT) suggests having a Usability meeting, to find out if services offered are useable from the user's perspective and try to identify the problem that occur from the user's perspective. The scope: VLO, central services and switchboard etc.
  - The idea is to take this up in Workplan 2019 and try to come up with a proposal.
- Dieter (CLARIN ERIC): The newspaper data from Europeana newspaper data will become available as raw data.

**Next meeting:** Mid November 2018, 14:00 CEST via Zoom. Doodle will be sent shortly.