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Excused: Luis Gomez (PT)

The SCCTC has no objections to having non-members (observers) at this f2f meeting.

0 Action points

#	Action	By whom	By when

1 Agenda

1. Agenda
2. Approval minutes last meeting & action point status ([CE-2019-1497](#))
3. Centre assessments:
 - a. round 13 ongoing (only CLARINO)
 - b. round 14: deadline 22 October 2019
 1. Document to be used: [B-centre checklist version 7.3.1](#) (written approval pending)
4. Update on taskforce-related issues
 - a. AAI (short presentations)
 - b. update on OpenIDConnect to SAML bridge in CLARIAH-NL (Daan)
 - c. plan to provide an additional CLARIN discovery service, including all eduGAIN IdPs (Dieter)
5. Brainstorm & idea exchange on services and offerings that are well-received (all)
6. Position of the SCCTC chair (no candidacies received)
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

The minutes of 5 September 2019 are approved with one request for change by Martin: There was some confusion about the approval of the Proposal to Blacklist Identity Providers that are not releasing attributes. The proposal still needs to be worked out and is not formally approved yet, so this sentence has been removed from the minutes

of 5 September 2019. The approval of the policy and a proposal how to implement the practical side of this policy will be taken up in this meeting.

3 Centre assessments:

a. round 13: ongoing (only CLARINO)

Lene: Round 13 is concluded, CLARINO was the only centre that applied for this round. The CLARINO application has been approved.

b. round 14: deadline 22 October 2019

Slovenia and Graz (Austria) indicated that they want to submit for assessment in this round.

Lene: For the next round we have the updated checklist. We discussed if and how we can add more automatic checks to the process and decided we will check with the curation module to see if anything pops up there. We will have a more detailed discussing about it soon.

1. Document to be used: [B-centre checklist version 7.3.1](#)

The new B-centre is officially approved via written approval.

Updates will be made as time goes by and will be ready by spring. If things seem unclear and problematic or in need of improvement, please let us know.

The date for the next spring round is set for 22 May 2020.

4 Update on taskforce-related issues

a. AAI (short presentations)

b. update on OpenIDConnect to SAML bridge in CLARIAH-NL (report by Daan)

It is difficult to configure SPF in that way. Since a few months the Humanities cluster is experimenting with SATOSA middleware software. The software is running at the Humanities cluster but is only being used for internal services (Wiki system etc.). One external system is connected to Sound & Vision ([Beeld & Geluid](#)). The Open Connect broker is not being used because they cannot yet configure SATOSA from the IDP to the OpenIDConnect client. For operators this is tiresome, when logging in the email is not visible, first they have to see who is logged in to make the connecting to link the account. This should however be something that can be solved. So SATOSA is currently not connected yet, it needs more specific configuration.

Peter Gietz (also present at CLARIN2019) is someone who has experience with this, would be good to get in touch with him.

c. plan to provide an additional CLARIN discovery service, including all eduGAIN IdPs (by Dieter)

The discojuice.org discovery service wasn't available anymore, there was some negligence on the side of the provider. It is back but we received an official message that it will be discontinued by the end of the year. We have been looking to see if we can provide an alternative discovery service as CLARIN ERIC, currently we have 56% of eduGAIN IdPs in CLARIN, question was if CLARIN can provide discovery services for the whole of eduGAIN IdPs and this has been further discussed with developers and at board level. As a result, we plan to setup an additional CLARIN discovery service incl. all eduGAIN IdPs in October. Irrelevant IDPs will be excluded. Work will start second week of October and the service will be tested before it is released. The plan is to release it half October.

d. Proposal to Blacklist Identity Providers that are not releasing attributes

The policy to blacklist Identity Providers **that are not releasing attributes** (document [CE-2019-1487](#)) is officially approved by the SCCTC today. A proposal will be worked out for practical implementation largely based on the information of document CE-2019-1487 and will also including a timeline.

5 Brainstorm & idea exchange on services and offerings that are well-received (all)

Lene asks everyone if there are any inspiring ideas on what can be done to reach new researchers.

- Martin: We give data to researchers and only get complains when the resources don't work. You can let researchers know that the resources work but this is what they already expect, this is not a selling point. Interview users let them tell success stories and share these.
- Matej: In one case in Austria, an announcement on how many hits on data and services was broadcasted, so a good thing to notify people about this.
- Krista: use cases for services/data, show what you can do with the data/services?
- Dieter: Tour de CLARIN is another example. Given people access is not exciting but there are lots of requests for data and that is an important reason for existing.
- Leif Joran: We are making tour stops and every time we really need to stress that people should contact us whenever they have a query. We noticed researchers are interested to come back but are not taking the step, we let them know that they are welcome to contact us for any queries.
- Andrius: Identify the top resources, top five or top ten resources (number of hits downloads, based on the use). Highlight resources, increase visibility of resources (think about Resource families)
- Martin: Also highlight smaller resources that can be used by a small group of researchers in only a few countries without any effort, this would not be possible without CLARIN.

6 Position of the SCCTC chair (no candidacies received)

Currently no candidacies have been received. This point will be discussed further in the BoD, For the time being dieter is happy to continue.

Comments/ questions from the committee:

1. The best person for this position seems to be the CTO, why can't Dieter stay on?

- Dieter: To avoid the committee is too connected to one person. To ensure longevity, it would be good to have a rotation of chairs. Dieter can collaborate closely with the chair.

2. The voluntary position generates extra work that needs to be done next to the regular work of the chair. This might mean the committee work needs to be done in the chair's spare time. The overall question is if there are funds available for this position.

- Dieter will take this comment back to the BoD, but informs that this is seen as an in-kind contribution that is included with national funding (for instance the NCF chair has no financial support). For travel there might be travel money involved, but this needs to be checked.

3. There is unity of information in the committee because Dieter is in the BoD. Separating this means that info should be distributed more specifically.

- Dieter: The NCF google document on Board of Director activities is created for this, so all information can be seen.

7 Status update per country/member

Austria

- PARTHENOS ending (presentation on Wednesday)
Resource Discovery Application: <https://parthenos.acdh.oeaw.ac.at/>

Bulgaria

- [PARTHENOS Workshop for CEE countries](#)

Croatia

- Nothing to report

Czech Republic

- Organized first of three tutorials to all of Digital Humanities audience in the Czech Republic, as the first joint event under the new LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ project
- New website ("front matter") for the LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ project
- Finishing organization of the Nov. 19 National Day of Research Infrastructures in the Czech Republic, organized at LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ premises in Prague

- Finishing arrangements for the CLARIN GA in Prague

Denmark

- Looking for a new (web) developer, will announce it to CLARIN when official out
- Working on FAIRifying data - licensing of data is an issue - this is a collaboration with DARIAH in Denmark.

Estonia

- Transferring to KORP v7
- Testing the local FCS aggregator [RABA](#) - Estonian written, spoken corpora and dictionaries (should be fully stable by end of the year)
- Setting up FCS endpoints for CLARIN has been delayed, will be connected to the KORP7.

Finland

- Preparing transition to new Puhti HPC system
- Installing new version of Turku UD Parser
- Language Bank Rights update coming up
- Backlog review coming up.

France

- No report

Germany

- good progress on updating central monitoring to Icinga2
 - probes have been migrated
 - map functionality is back
 - new probes (Switchboard services, SSL-certificate checks)
 - already live but still few open issues being worked on
 - next steps
 - national level: integration of DARIAH-DE/CLARIN monitoring
 - probably: future hosting in Göttingen at GWDG (close project partner)
- AAI integration in CLARIAH-DE: no actions needed but maybe DARIAH-DE will join SPF
- Metadata Integration of DARIAH-DE-resources into VLO and CLARIN-resources into Generic Search:
 - DARIAH-DE to be featured in centre registry to allow for VLO-integration
 - Mappings from most prominent CMDI-schemas created for GS-integration
 - goal: at least 75% of metadata covered

Greece

- No report

Hungary

- No report

Iceland

- No report

Italy

- ILC4CLARIN
 - Preparation for CLARIN Conference

Latvia

- Started to step up local clarin-dspace repository. Planning to apply for spring 2020 centre assessment round.

Lithuania

- Nothing to report

The Netherlands

- Nothing to report beyond what was reported wrt CLARIAH NL AAI solution, maybe NL NCF representant will add some info later.

Norway

- Positive decision from the Research Council of Norway to fund CLARINO+ which will upgrade the CLARINO centres for the period 2020-2022
- Planning for the awareness presentation about CLARINO+ and CLARINO services for the University of Bergen Library
- There has been some progress in Norway on making CLARIN services in bulk accessible to researchers (initially in Bergen)

Poland

- Deployed new dedicated gpu server for cmc-tagger
- Workshops in Lublin (UMCS) 25-26 September - mostly dedicated for Political Science
- Preparations for the workshops in Kielce
- Active participation at the Leipzig CAC: workshop paper + poster PhD student (Wiktoria Kowszewicz Mieleśczenko);

Portugal

- Continued work on integration of new tools into the PORTULAN workbench

Slovenia

- Working on our CTS application and B Centre reassessment
- Parla-CLARIN recommendations for encoding Parliamentary corpora [presented](#) at the [TEI conference in Graz](#)
- First hardware received by JSI from the Ministry/EU grant: new server for CLARIN.SI services (e.g. repository)
- New entries to repository: [CMC training corpus Janes-Tag 2.1](#), [ŠUSS archive of questions and answers about the Slovenian language \(1998-2010\)](#), [Collocations Dictionary of Modern Slovene KSSS 1.0](#)

South Africa

- No report

Sweden

- Openshift deployment finally coming closer, new Swe-Clarín web site close to first version, new resources prepared, Tour stop at Högskolan i Dalarna
- Planning further for user stored corpora
- Preparing presentations/posters etc. for Annual conference, getting new partners feeling at home
- Swamid Geant MD issues

United Kingdom

- OTA DSpace repository launched 7th October (<https://ota.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/>). Preparations are now under way to move towards and application for CLARIN B-Centre accreditation.

3rd Parties

USA

- No report

8 AOB

There is a request from NCF to give a technical recommendation how to deal with google data set search. It is been on their agenda for a long time. We are requested by the NCF to have something ready by the next NCF meeting of 14 November. A draft will be ready at the end of October. The SCCTC will need to approve this draft during the next meeting of 7 November.

Next meeting: Thursday 7 November 2019, 10:00 -11:00