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Action points

| # | Agenda Item | Action points from this meeting | Who | By when |
|----|---------------------------|---|--------|------------------------|
| 31 | 5 | Make amendment to centre types document to introduce D-centres | DVU | December SCCTC meeting |
| # | Date | Action points from previous meetings | Who | By when |
| 29 | 16-10-2023 | Ask at national centres if there is interest in joining the CTS review board. | MM/all | asap |
| 30 | 16-10-2023 and 15-11-2023 | Document outcomes of CTS discussion to define next steps | DVU | asap |

1. Agenda (2 min)

1. Agenda: Request for changes? (2 min)
2. Approval [minutes last meeting](#) (16.10.2023) & action point status (5 min)
3. Centre assessments (5 min) ([overview sheet](#))
4. SCCTC Work Plan 2024: [CE-2023-XXXX_Work-plan-2024](#) (draft) (10 min)
5. DVU: suggestion to introduce D-centres for centres with a SAML service provider ([example](#)) - right now these are in the old T ("trusted") category, but some people objected against this label since it seems to indicate that other centres are not or less trusted (10min)
6. DVU: Poll to see if there are objections against allowing [NESTOR](#) as a CTS alternative (free choice to choose any of both) (5 min)
7. Status update per country/member (please provide a short bullet-wise summary in the [Google Doc](#), previous doc can be found [here](#)) (15 min)
8. Announcements
 - a. Two open positions for the assessment committee - who would be interested? (2 min)
9. AOB
10. Next meeting? December

The agenda is approved as is.

- DVU asks to add a short item under AOB: SPF Agreement for Switzerland.
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1. Approval of minutes last meeting & action points (5 min)

The [minutes](#) of the previous meeting are approved without further comments.

The following APs are no longer relevant and/or have been completed and are thus removed: 24

Comments on the APs:

- AP 24: TE and DVU have discussed this.
 - Hamburg ([HZSK](#)) was contacted in Jan 2023 and willingly remains a C-centre.
 - Stuttgart ([IMS](#)): contact difficult to achieve, situation remains unclear.
- AP 29: The committee revisits the need for new members on the CTS review board. DVU mentions that the call will be added to the next Centre News, shared at the SCCTC and also at the NCF. In the next step, people will be approached directly.
- AP 30: ongoing; DVU will first summarise opinions shared within the SCCTC, BoD and NCF before approaching CTS representatives.

2. Centre assessments (5 min)

In absence of Centre Assessment Committee chair MW, DVU gives a brief update, see [overview sheet](#).

Round 21

- Ongoing ([Språkbanken](#) and [CLARIN-PL](#))
- DVU is steering the process in MW's absence with an aim to wrap up the round for the SCCTC December meeting.

Round 22

- One application: [ORTOLANG](#)

Request for the agenda to be sent to the individual email addresses instead of the mailing list.

3. SCCTC Work Plan 2024 (10 min)

For reference: [CE-2023-XXXX_Work-plan-2024 \(draft\)](#)

- MM explains that the SCCTC work plan for 2024 will be incorporated into one overall work plan for all committees and the Central Hub.
- **Decisions:**
 - The committee decides not to include the topic of cross-border backups in 2024.

- TMB and L-JO volunteer to lead the topic of accessibility.
- SCCTC (MM,L-JO) will take responsibility for the CRF topic

4. D-centres (10 min)

DVU introduces the topic: Centres setting up a Shibboleth instance without an OAI-MPH endpoint do not fulfil the requirements for C-centres. There is a suggestion to introduce the D-centres type for centres with a SAML service provider ([example](#)). Right now these are in the old T ("*trusted*") category, but this label seems to indicate that other centres are not or less trusted.

- MM is hesitant to introduce a new centre type and suggests whether such centres could also be considered a C-centre, for example, if they have a registered entry (at another CLARIN centre) in the correct metadata format. Alternatively, a 'Other' category could be introduced.
- DVU would like to avoid a risk of 'labelless' centres.
- FW highlights that providing a public service should not automatically qualify centres to become CLARIN-affiliated.
- D-centres do provide a service with specific benefit to the CLARIN community but the definition of what would fall under the D-type could be widened, with SAML being a strong indicator for this status to be given. A formal decision will be made in the next meeting.

5. CTS alternatives (5 min)

DVU gauges interest in [Nestor](#), which has an elaborate assessment procedure (and currently only has up-to-date documentation in German), as an alternative to CTS, which is 'lighter'.

- AC emphasises that the issues with the CTS assessment are related, in part, to the delays and asks whether Nestor can guarantee smoother workflows. DVU says that the experiences are limited but that the choice would still remain.
- **Decision:** The committee has no general objections to consider Nestor as an alternative to CTS.

6. Status update per country/member (15 min)

A short bullet-wise summary can be found [here](#).

7. Announcements (2 min)

Two open positions for the assessment committee, with an estimated workload of 8 - 16 hours per year. **Please contact DVU** (dieter@clarin.eu).

8. AOB

- Switzerland has formally asked to join the SPF. **Decision:** The committee, representing the SPF Assembly, agrees to the accession of Switzerland to the CLARIN SPF.

9. Next meeting

A [Doodle](#) will be shared for the week starting 11 December.