CLARIN-NL Work Plan 2011

1 Introduction
This document provides a description of the activities planned in CLARIN-NL for 2011. Actual budget amounts for the various activities can be found in the separate document with the budget details, and a separate document with the 2011 budget is available.

2 Planned Activities

2.1 EU-Line
The budget for this item will be spent on:
- Membership fees the Netherlands is obliged to the CLARIN ERIC as its host. Therefore this budget will not be touched upon for the time being. It is very likely that the ERIC comes into existence only by the end of this year, and that the first fees will be due only as of 2012. We must reserve money for a period of five years, as promised. The EB will investigate with Steven Krauwer what this implies for the overall project budget, and whether we have to do something more at the EU-Line.
- It has been agreed that CLARIN-NL will spend a small amount to ensure continuation of the CLARIN-EU website, to remove some technical bugs, and to ensure editorial work. Possibly, functionality for a standards registry will be developed. It is expected that this involves small amounts (a few thousand Euros).

2.2 NL-Line

2.2.1 Technical
The IIP project (start date: May 1, 2010; end date: May 1, 2013) will continue as planned, though some partners have effectively started 6 months later.

The S&D project (start date: May 1, 2010; end date: May 1, 2013) will continue as planned. This project effectively started on Sep 23, 2010.

The Metadata project must still be formally closed.

Infrastructure specialists are active until mid 2011.

New plans:
CLARIN Vocabulary Service (CLAVAS). For many restricted vocabularies that are needed for appropriate metadata descriptions ISOCAT is not the most appropriate registry. Examples are vocabularies for language and country codes, organisation names etc. Such vocabularies are often already maintained independently by others (e.g. by ISO, EU, KNAW Narcis), and we do not want to duplicate these. CLAVAS will develop a vocabulary service that combines all these various vocabulary registries so that they become available in the CLARIN infrastructure in a transparent manner. A more detailed description of the plan for CLAVAS is available. The plan consists of two phases. In the first phase it must be investigated whether and how the external registries are accessible (legally and technically). In the second phase the vocabulary service will be implemented. Phase 2 will be carried out depending on the outcome of phase 1. There is close collaboration with CATCHplus.

Metadata for Tools Metadata components and profiles for software is desperately needed. An occasional project (ADEPT) has made an attempt to create these, but a more systematic action is needed so that every project can use a profile, at least as a basis to start from. We plan to take whatever is already available (ADEPT profile and components, work on metadata for web services, some results by JO, etc.), and to appoint an expert to elaborate on this and create appropriate components and profiles, and to test them against existing software dealt with in earlier demonstrator projects.

Data Deposition Service (DDS) A service in which one or some CLARIN centres offer functionality to deposit data in such a way that any restrictions on the data (e.g. IPR, ethical restrictions, restrictions concerning publication data, etc.) can be dealt with in a maximally automated manner. An initial description for a plan for the DDS is available, but it requires elaboration. Possibly a tender will be issued among the candidate CLARIN centres. Implementation of this service may differ from centre to centre, depending on the software they currently use (the new software will have to be compatible with it).

Huygens Institute as CLARIN Centre A plan must be made and executed for and by Huygens Institute to become a full CLARIN centre.

CLARIN Data Providers / Associated Centres A document has been created that describes two new types of CLARIN Centres, called CLARIN Data Providers and CLARIN Associated Centres. In 2011 we want to make sure that data centres such as de Koninklijke Bibliotheek (KB, Royal Library), and het Instituut voor Beeld & Geluid (IBG, Institute for Sound and Vision) make their data available in a CLARIN-compliant manner. Similarly for de Digitale Bibliotheek van de Nederlandse Literatuur (DBNL, Digital Library of Dutch Literature), het Nationaal Archief (NA, the National Archive), and perhaps information servicers of the Tweede Kamer. In a later phase also the university libraries.
2.2.2 Data, Tools and Services

Calls

All projects from Call 1 must be finalized.
All projects from Call 2 must start up as soon as possible.

We aim to set up a new Call, Call 3, in 2011. The EB will make an analysis of the coverage by disciplines and invite maximally 5 researchers from selected disciplines for submitting a proposal in a Closed Call. An Open Call will also be issued. A concrete proposal for the Closed Call, the selected disciplines and researchers is available separately. Selected priorities for the open call are also available in a separate document.

The Call will again invite for resource curation and demonstrator projects. Project budgets will be max. 120k for an open call project; max 80k for a closed call project; maximum duration of 1 year. The total budget available for this call will be 1 million Euros, maximally 400k of which will be used for the closed call.

Other Projects

Cooperation between Netherlands and Flanders

This overall project will continue as planned. Its major subproject is TTNWW (start date: March 1, 2010; end date: Sep 30, 2012)

ISOCAT Coordinator
An ISOCAT coordinator will be appointed to coordinate issues related to semantic interoperability among the various CLARIN-NL subprojects. A work plan for this task is being developed.

2.2.3 Centres of Expertise

Data Curation Service (DCS). A plan has been developed for a Data Curation Service. The EB will discuss this plan and further elaborate it, so that it can lead to an actual implementation of the service. The DCS must be seen as a specific instantiation of a (virtual) expertise centre and uses budget from this item. The DCS service will start with data sets from the report for which already concrete plans and budgets have been proposed. At the same time it will be investigated for selected data sets what effort and costs a curation will require. For every data set that is to be curated a short (2x A4) plan and budget will have to be made and approved by the EB before the curation activities can start.

The virtual Centre of Expertise on the curation of data will be led by the Radboud University of Nijmegen but with close involvement of experts from the CLARIN Centres
2.2.4 Education and Awareness

The EB aims to organize several events itself or with others, inter alia, call 2 related meetings, tutorials for infrastructural matters (ISOCAT, Metadata, etc.), and others. It will continue to provide support for events organized by others.

CLARIN- NL Newsflashes
CLARIN- NL aims to issue at least 6 Newsflashes in 2011.

CLARIN-EU Newsflashes
CLARIN- NL aims to contribute to any EU Newsflashes that still come out in 2011.

CLARIN-EU Newsletter
CLARIN- NL aims to contribute to the final CLARIN EU Newsletter

eData & Research
CLARIN-NL has decided to become a member of the eData & Research Magazine in 2011. CLARIN-NL finds the existence of this magazine important, and aims to make it more visible by actively participating in its board and editorial team and co-financing it. On behalf of CLARIN-NL, Erica Renckens will participate in the editorial team and Jan Odijk in the board.

Movies and Screen Captures
Subprojects will be encouraged to make screen captures to illustrate the functionality of their applications and services.

A modular film will be made in which the CLARIN infrastructure is illustrated using results and screen captures from Call 1 and Call 2 projects. Two proposals have been submitted for this and the EB is evaluating them.

Website
The internal website requires maintenance and restructuring. If the current provider Joygroup does not respond soon, a new company will be invited to carry out this work.

An external website will be set up, together with editorial activities around it.

Helpdesk
The HelpDesk will continue to be developed. In mid 2011, it has to be evaluated whether it still requires a 0.5FTE appointment.

2.2.5 National Coordination Point
The national coordination point continues to operate as before. Jolien Scholten replaces Erica Renckens as Project Secretary.
Board No changes.

NAP No changes.

IAP The International Advisory Panel consists of 8 members, though there is one vacancy. An additional candidate will be invited.

3 2011 Budget

The CLARIN-NL budget for 2011 can be found in the document CLARIN-NL 2011 Budget.