



CLARIN-NL Work Plan 2013

1 Introduction

This document provides a description of the activities planned in CLARIN-NL for 2013. Actual budget amounts for the various activities can be found in the separate document with the budget details, and a separate document with the 2013 budget is available.

Since the end of the budget is coming in sight, budget planning has already been done also for 2014 and 2015. Therefore some decisions which will become effective in 2014 are already mentioned in this document.

Important decisions to be approved have been marked with the symbol →.
A summary of all decisions to be taken has been provided in section 5

2 Planned Activities

2.1 Technical Implementation

The IIP project (start date: May 1, 2010; original end date: May 1, 2013) will continue as planned, though an additional extension has been given, in part because some partners have effectively started later. The new end date will therefore be Dec 31st, 2013.

The S&D project (start date: May 1, 2010; original end date: May 1, 2013) will continue as planned. This project effectively started on Sep 23, 2010, and it has been given an additional extension so that the new end date is Dec 31st, 2013.

Huygens Institute has submitted its project plan to become a CLARIN Centre in 2012 and is currently executing the plan. The project runs from Jan 1, 2013 to Oct 1, 2013.

The CLAVAS project (start date: June 1, 2011; original end date: May 31, 2012) has been delayed. Its main results are finished, and its results are already in use elsewhere in Europe (Austria). A project to use its results in the ARBIL metadata editor is planned for this year at MPI. A part of the task of the CLAVAS project will be transferred to the DCS. Fully automatic determination of a normalized organisation name turned out not to be successful, so that now some manual normalisation work is needed, work that is excellently suited for the DCS. Arrangements for this are being negotiated. The CLAVAS project is expected to be fully finished by March 31, 2013.

A revised plan of the candidate CLARIN Data provider de *Digitale Bibliotheek van de Nederlandse Literatuur* (DBNL, Digital Library of Dutch Literature) has been



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approved in 2012 and the project at DBNL could have started. However, DBNL came into trouble shortly afterwards. Negotiations with the KB (Paul Doorenbosch) are ongoing to investigate whether the DBNL plan or a variant of it can be accommodated at the KB, DBNL's new home.

The candidate Data Provider *het Nationaal Archief* (NA, the National Archive) has not been able to submit a revised plan in 2012. The EB has set a deadline for such a plan by March 1, 2013, and NA has communicated that they will not be able to submit a plan before that date, and also not soon after it. The EB has therefore decided to assign the money for this to other budget items.

The project of the *Koninklijke Bibliotheek* (KB, Royal Library) is being executed. The KB has communicated that it will not make the targeted end date (Feb 28, 2013), and will propose an alternative by March 15, 2013.

The project of *Instituut voor Beeld & Geluid* (IBG, Institute for Sound and Vision) has been executed successfully in 2012. Only formal closure of the project is still required.

The University Library of Utrecht (UBU) has submitted plan, which looks good. The EB approves it if it can show that duplication with the EDBO+ (a KB and UBs internal project) can be avoided. The plan targets start and finish of the project in 2013.

The project for metadata for tools (MD4T) has started in September 2012. It has finished in January 2013, and the final report has been submitted in March 2013. It is likely that after evaluation of this report some additional actions are needed. These will be included in a new project for coordination and harmonization of metadata, to be started up in 2013. After all, as was expected already in early 2012, the EB has observed that an activity of harmonizing all (separately and independently created) metadata records is desirable. The →EB has reserved 17k euro for this.

\ Drawing up the plan for an *integration activity* has taken more time in 2012 than expected. But the plan (CLAPOPOP) is available now, has been approved by the Board, and has effectively started as of February 1, 2012. Initially it will run for a year, and so end by Feb 1, 2014, though it is likely that it will be extended then on the basis of a more elaborated plan. In this project the various components created separately in a variety of projects (infrastructure functionality, search functionality, curated data, curated tools, demonstrators, web applications, etc. etc.) come together and are made accessible via a single portal to the CLARIN infrastructure. The CLARIN infrastructure and the portal towards it will have to grow incrementally and any new additions, modifications etc. will have to be accompanied by good PR activities. The plan for these accompanying can now be drawn up as a function of the initial CLAPOPOP plan and adapted as the CLAPOPOP plan is being extended and refined.



2.2 Data Conversion and Creation

Covered in section 2.3

2.3 Tools and Services

This item also includes *Data Conversion and Creation* (section 2.2) and *User Needs and Usage Cases* (section 2.4)

Calls

All projects from Call 1 have been formally closed except TDS-Curator, which has been formally closed since Feb 23rd, 2013.

Most projects from Call 2 did not finish yet in 2012 but should be finished and formally closed by May 31st, 2013.

All projects from Call 3 (except LAISEANG) have started up in 2012, and all should be finished and closed ultimately by mid 2013.

Most projects from Call 4, as well as the LAISEANG project have to start up before May 1st, 2013. For some projects a later start date has been agreed upon (@PhilosTEI, Sep 1st, 2013).

The OpenSONAR start date is still being negotiated but this project will not start before Sep 1st, 2013. → The EB has reserved 50k euro for an extension of the OpenSONAR project, which may be necessary to accommodate the conditions and requirements imposed by the Board. However, we have to monitor closely what is happening in Flanders (GreTel), which might make less additional funding necessary for OpenSONAR.

No new calls will be set up in 2013 (or in 2014/2015).

Other Projects

Cooperation between Netherlands and Flanders

This overall project is in its final phase. Its subproject TTNWW (start date: March 1, 2010; original end date: Sep 30, 2012) has received an extension until Dec 31st, 2012 but has some additional delays. For this reason it is expected to be finalized by April 30th, 2013.

ISOCAT Coordinator



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The position of ISOCAT coordinator has been continued, and the contract with Ineke Schuurman has been extended until March 2014. A work plan for this task in 2013 is being developed and will be available as of April 1, 2013. After March 2014, this ISOCAT coordination work will stop.

CLAM-support

In the context of the TTNWW project, Maarten van Gompel (initially Tilburg University, currently Radboud University Nijmegen) has developed CLAM, software to facilitate turning existing tools into RESTful web services. CLAM is successful and is in use by most participants in the TTNWW project and beyond. For this reason, systematic support, maintenance and extension of the CLAM-functionality are required.

The project for CLAM-support started in 2011 has been extended from 1 Oct 2012 to 1 Oct 2013. An updated work plan is being elaborated and will be available by April 1st, 2013. After October 1st, 2013, work on CLAM-support will be stopped.

CKCC

The CKCC-project is about to finish early 2013. An initial draft of a final report has already been received and commented upon. It is expected that the project will be formally closed by May 1st, 2013.

MinDisc

A project has been proposed by Ted Sanders. As a result of the DiscAn project there is great interest in new initiatives for standardization of discourse annotation, the DiscAn proposals appear to be considered promising, and it is important to grab the momentum. Ted proposes to organize an international workshop on this topic (and the EB has approved this and it will be paid from the normal Dissemination and Training budget (see section 2.7)), but he proposes to carry out also some empirical work for the further development and testing of the MinDisc discourse annotation system.

➔The EB recommends approving this project proposal (costs app. 12k euro).

UBs as data providers

➔The EB recommends awaiting the results of the UB Utrecht project before starting up a similar activity with another UB. It has therefore reserved money for this in the 2014 budget (15k).

2.4 User Needs and Usage Cases

Covered in section 2.3

2.5 Advanced LT Services

No plans for this or covered in section 2.3



2.6 Centres of Expertise

The virtual Centre of Expertise on the curation of data (DCS), led by the Radboud University of Nijmegen will continue its activities in 2013. → 75k has been reserved for this (slightly more than actually spent in 2012). After 2013, no more funds are available from CLARIN-NL to continue this activity.

In 2012 it has been decided to support the *NWO-Groot* project *NederLab* from CLARIN-NL with 150k euro. The EB considers this as a virtual centre in the area of data and software for research on language and culture through time.

2.7 Education and Awareness

An overview is given of the various activities for stimulating education, training, and awareness to be carried out in 2012.

Conferences and workshops to be visited

We aim to visit relevant conferences, workshops, and other events, and make submissions to them where appropriate.

- CLIN 2013, Enschede, 18 Jan 2013 (sponsor presentation by I. Schuurman)
- EMEA Regional Council meeting 2013, Strasbourg, Feb 26-27.
- SURF Research and Innovation Event 2013, The Hague, Feb 28, 2013.
- Conferentie Grootschalige Onderzoeksfaciliteiten: Route 2020: the Future for Large-Scale Research Infrastructures, Amsterdam, March 6, 2013 (poster on CLARIAH)
- Research Data Alliance (RDA) Conference Gothenburg, Sweden, March 18-20.
- NIAS Digital Humanities Meeting, Wassenaar, March 21/22, 2013.
- eHumanities Address Software and Tools, Amsterdam, April 10, 2013
- CLARIN Federated Search workshop, CST, Copenhagen, April 25, 2013
- CLARIN Centre Assessment workshop, CST, Copenhagen, April 26, 2013
- KNAW Conference *Patterns of Macro- and Micro-Diversity*, Groningen, July 17-19 (presentation by JO)
- CLARIN Annual meeting, Prague, Oct 21-22, 2013.
- Others to be determined during 2012.

Events organized by CLARIN-NL

The EB aims to organize several events itself or with others, inter alia:



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From	To	Description	City	Ctry	Who
2013-02-21	2013-02-21	CLARIN-NL Call 4 Kick-off	Utrecht	NL	EB
Spring 2013		ISOCAT Tutorial	Utrecht	NL	IS
Spring 2013		Metadata Tutorial	Utrecht	NL	DB
Winter 2013		ISOCAT Workshop	Utrecht	NL	IS

Meetings

The EB will organize and/or attend meetings with relevant individuals and organizations. These will surely include

- Meetings with subprojects
- Meetings with CLARIN Centres, and with CLARIN Data Providers
- Meetings with related projects such as Taalportaal, Nederlab, CLARIAH seed money project, etc.
- Meetings with funders
- Meetings with the KNAW, esp., the eHumanities programme
- Meetings with the NeSC and other technical infrastructure providers (SARA, SURF)
- Meetings for eData&Research
- Monthly National Coordinator Forum (NCF) meetings (usually virtual)
- CLARIN ERIC GA Meeting, Wroclaw, Nov 26-27, 2013

Support for other events

CLARIN-NL will continue to support events organized by others that are relevant for infrastructures, digital Humanities, eHumanities. Some relevant events are CLIN 2013 (Enschede, 18 Jan. 2013), and workshops organized by CLARIN-NL subprojects (inter alia the workshop planned by Ted Sanders in the context of the DiscAn subproject).

Support for travel of Dutch researchers to CLARIN-related events

CLARIN-NL will continue its support of Dutch researchers to attend CLARIN-related events.

CLARIN- NL Newsflashes

CLARIN- NL aims to issue at least 6 Newsflashes in 2013.

CLARIN ERIC Newsflashes

It is likely that a CLARIN ERIC newsflash will start to appear in 2013, and CLARIN-NL will contribute to these (at least twice).



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CLARIN ERIC Newsletter

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eData & Research

CLARIN-NL will continue its membership of the eData & Research Magazine in 2013. CLARIN-NL finds the existence of this magazine important, and aims to make itself more visible by actively participating in its board and editorial team and co-financing it. On behalf of CLARIN-NL, Erica Renckens will continue to participate in the editorial team and Jan Odijk in the board. → Membership of eData & Research and the editorial work for it will be stopped in 2014, purely because of budgetary restrictions and priority choices by the EB.

Other Publications

The programme director has been invited to be the guest editor of a *Lingua* special issue on linguistic research in the CLARIN infrastructure. A proposal for this special issue will be submitted by March 31st, 2013. → The EB aims to make this special issue an Open Access journal issue, has reserved budget for this, will attempt to obtain additional funding for this from NWO and from sources in other countries from which researchers contribute.

The EB will work on getting publications in the *Historisch Nieuwsblad*, *Nederlandse Letterkunde*, NWO-related magazines (*Geestesoog*, *Hypothese*), etc. to reach the humanities researchers.

IPR

The EB has initiated activities to deal systematically with IPR-issues, in close collaboration with NederLab. This activity is led by Hans Bennis. These activities also address requests raised by some centres (e.g. INL) for coordination and assistance in these matters. → Unfortunately, no budget could be reserved for these activities (e.g. for legal advice).

CLARIN-NL in the press

The EB wanted CLARIN-NL to become more visible in the press, intended to hire a press specialist to support us in this, make use of the press specialists' expertise and network, and planned to have a systematic activity in this area. Work on this was already planned for 2012 but not executed. → The EB has not reserved any money for a press specialist anymore (due to budgetary constraints and priority choices).

Movies and Screen Captures

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

For 2012 it was planned to start a second series of 6 movies. Due to delays in 2012, no new movies were made yet in 2012. → The EB has now reserved money for making 3 additional movies (instead of 6).



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Website

The website is undergoing an upgrade to newer software, claimed to offer better functionality and more safety. This has been done in conjunction with a complete new design for the CLARIN ERIC website, which allowed us to save on the costs. The upgraded website is expected to be up and running by the end of March 2013. The EB has also reserved budget for maintenance of the website and occasional additional functionality extensions for 2013.

The building of the portal to the CLARIN infrastructure is included in the budget for the Integration plan. But a plan will be set up (by May 1, 2013) and executed for the accompanying PR.

NWO and CLARIN-compatible resources

The EB has addressed the issue of NWO requiring language-related resources resulting from research projects to be CLARIN-compatible in 2012, and will work on an update for documents on this in 2013 (together with DANS).

Outreach to running research projects

The EB will approach running and starting research projects to create awareness of CLARIN-NL and CLARIN-compatibility of data and tools.

Education

Tutorials will be held on various infrastructural topics, e.g. on ISOCAT and CMDI metadata. The EB also aims to visit researchers in existing research projects (outside of CLARIN-NL) to point out the benefits of CLARIN-NL and stimulate and assist the researchers to work in a CLARIN-compatible way.

➔The EB has reserved 7k euro to finance a pre-study to inventory opportunities for educational opportunities on the basis of the various CLARIN-subprojects, and ➔it has reserved 30k euro to implement selected opportunities selected on the basis of the results of the pre-study. It will investigate ways of reserving more money for this (and there are already some opportunities in sight).

Helpdesk

The HelpDesk will continue to run as it has done in 2012. It will be managed by JO and DB.

Final Event

➔The EB has reserved 30k euro for a final event to finish the CLARIN-NL project with. This event will very likely be held at the end of 2014 or the beginning of 2015.

2.8 National Coordination Point

The national coordination point continues to operate as before. The effort of the Project Secretary will be reduced, as originally planned, to 0.5FTE again as of March



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1, 2013. The project secretary Jolien Scholten has left CLARIN-NL (as of March 1, 2013) and has been replaced by Arwin van der Zwan (as of Feb 1, 2013).

It is expected that the amount of work for the National Coordination Point will be reduced in 2014 (no new calls anymore, most money allocated, etc.). For this reason, and because of budgetary constraints, →the EB plans to reduce the effort of the programme director from 1.0FTE to 0.8 FTE as of 2014, and →it plans to reduce the effort for the project secretary from 0.5FTE to 0.3FTE as of 2014.

EB The EB has remained unchanged. For the reasons described above, →the EB plans to reduce the effort of the EB for each member (except the programme director) from 0.2 FTE to 0.1 FTE as of 2014.

The EB aims to set up a self-evaluation of the CLARIN-NL project so far, with assistance from the IAP and external experts, in order to learn from current experiences and to improve the proposal for the successor project CLARIAH.

NAP There were several changes in the composition of the NAP in 2012. Adding a representative from Tilburg will be considered in 2013.

IAP The International Advisory Panel consists of 10 members. The EB aims to involve the IAP in a self-evaluation of the CLARIN-NL project and emerging infrastructure.

NWO has requested a specification of the CLARIN-NL output, consisting of

- Details about the persons hired in the project
- Details about publications resulting from the project

The CLARIN-NL office has collected this information and transferred it to NWO.

2.9 EU-Line

The budget for this item will be spent on membership fees the Netherlands is obliged to the CLARIN ERIC as its host, to cover membership for a period of five years, as explicitly agreed upon between the CLARIN-NL board, OCW, and NWO. In 2013 the second part of the fees will have to be paid.

3 2012 Budget

The CLARIN-NL budget for 2013 can be found in the document *CLARIN-NL 2013 Budget*.



4 Other Activities

As a response to the invitation of the *Commissie voor de update van de Nationale Roadmap voor Grootschalige Onderzoeksfaciliteiten* (Committee for the update of the National Roadmap for Large Scale Research Facilities), CLARIN-NL and the Dutch players in DARIAH have joined forces and formulated a new proposal for a large scale national infrastructural project called *Common Lab Research Infrastructure for the Arts and the Humanities (CLARIAH)*, uniting all humanities organizations in the Netherlands.

As a result of this, CLARIAH has been put on the roadmap, it has received 1 million euro *seed money*, and it is currently organizing activities for this and preparing for a revised proposal.

The new proposal for the *Roadmap voor Grootschalige Onderzoeksfaciliteiten* is to be submitted by October 1st, 2013. The proposal has to be rewritten seriously for a variety of reasons. With regard to CLARIN-NL a major change in the proposal will be that CLARIAH will now clearly be the successor project of CLARIN-NL rather than a partly concurrently running project.

5 Summary of Decisions to be taken

- The →EB has reserved 17k euro for metadata harmonisation
- →The EB has reserved 50k euro for an extension of the OpenSONAR project
- →The EB recommends approving the MinDisc proposal (costs app. 12k euro).
- →The EB recommends awaiting the results of the UB Utrecht project before starting up a similar activity with another UB. It has therefore reserved money for this in the 2014 budget (15k).
- →75k has been reserved for DCS activities in 2013 (slightly more than actually spent in 2012). After 2013, no more funds are available from CLARIN-NL to continue this activity.
- →Membership of eData & Research and the editorial work for it will be stopped in 2014, purely because of budgetary restrictions and priority choices by the EB.
- →The EB aims to make the *Lingua* Special Issue an Open Access journal issue, has reserved budget for this (10k), will attempt to obtain additional funding for this from NWO and from sources in other countries from which researchers contribute.
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