CLARIN-*NL* Work Plan 2012

1 Introduction

This document provides a description of the activities planned in CLARIN-NL for 2012. Actual budget amounts for the various activities can be found in the separate document with the budget details, and a separate document with the 2012 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, to cover membership for a period of five years, as explicitly agreed upon between the CLARIN-NL board, OCW, and NWO. In 2012 the first part of the fees will have to be paid.
- A small amount of the budget will be used for the transition from the European CLARIN-prep project (which ended in June 2011) to the start of the ERIC (Feb 29, 2012). This involves mainly salaries for the CLARIN-prep coordinator (Steven Krauwer).

2.2 NL-Line

2.2.1 Technical

The IIP project (start date: May 1, 2010; original end date: May 1, 2013) will continue as planned, though an extension of 6 months will be given since some partners have effectively started 6 months later. The new end date will therefore be Nov 1, 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 will be given an extension so that the new end date is Sep 23, 2013.

The candidate centres (including Huygens) will have to be very explicit about their ambitions, and the tasks must be distributed over the CLARIN Centres in explicit arrangements to be organized in the Centre Consultations. Consultations with the CLARIN Data Providers must be set up as well. (organizer: Daan Broeder).

The CLAVAS project (start date: June 1, 2011; end date: May 31, 2012) will finish this year. Its results should be integrated with other components and in the overall CLARIN Infrastructure.

The already submitted plans of the candidate CLARIN Data providers de *Digitale Bibliotheek van de Nederlandse Literatuur* (DBNL, Digital Library of Dutch Literature) and *het Nationaal Archief* (NA, the National Archive) will have to be adapted and executed. The plans of the *Koninklijke Bibliotheek* (KB, Royal Library), het *Instituut voor Beeld & Geluid* (IBG, Institute for Sound and Vision) will be executed.   The University Library of Utrecht must be provided additional information so that they can submit a proposal, and the Department of Information Services of the *Tweede Kamer* must be invited to make a proposal.

We aim to test how visible and accessible the data at these CLARIN Data Providers actually are, after the projects have finished. For IBG, a natural test can be formed by the *Polimedia* project that they are involved in. For KB, it makes sense to set up an experiment with the WIP project, which uses text corpora from parliamentary debates that are also available at the KB. For this latter experiment, its exact nature must still be elaborated and some budget has been reserved for it.

The EB will submit a revised plan for a Data Deposition Service (DDS) to the Board.

A first sketch of a plan for metadata for tools has been created.
The activities for metadata for tools may still be required, though there turned out to be an already existing metadata scheme created by Menzo Windhouwer, so that the plan may have to be revised.

The most important activity to be started up is an *integration activity* in which 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. An initial sketch for a plan for these integration activities has been made and will now be further elaborated in the IIP project (coordinated by Daan Broeder).

2.2.2 Data, Tools and Services

Calls

All projects from Call 1 must get formally closed in the first quarter of 2012.
All projects from Call 2 must finish and get formally closed in 2012.
All projects from Call 3 must start up in the first quarter of 2012, and all should be finished and closed ultimately by mid 2013.

We aim to set up a new Call, Call 4 in 2012. The EB will make an analysis of the coverage by disciplines and if needed, again invite maximally 5 researchers from selected disciplines for submitting a proposal in a Closed Call, as in 2011. An Open Call will also be issued. Call 4 will be the last call in the CLARIN-NL project, and we aim to use the budgets available for this from 2012, 2013 and 2014.

The EB will investigate whether it is possible to have the call earlier than in previous years. We target as start date for the awarded projects Jan 1, 2013. (Until now a start date of March or April was the best feasible).

The Call will again invite for resource curation and demonstrator projects. The EB plans to stick to the same amounts as in 2011: 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 euro, maximally 400k of which will be used for a closed call.

See the 2012 Budget, which shows how these 1 million Euros for Cal l4 are covered. Though 2013 and 2014 budgets are used for this call, most of the costs will also be made in 2013 and 2014.

Other Projects

Cooperation between Netherlands and Flanders

This overall project will continue as planned. The results of its subproject TTNWW (start date: March 1, 2010; end date: Sep 30, 2012) must be incrementally integrated into the CLARIN infrastructure. A small error occurred in the calculation from relative to absolute dates, so that the end date might have to become one month later, Oct 31, 2012.

ISOCAT Coordinator
The position of ISOCAT coordinator will be continued, and the contract with Ineke Schuurman has been extended until March 2013. A work plan for this task in 2012 is being developed and will be available as of April 1, 2012.

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. For this reason, systematic support, maintenance and extension of the CLAM-functionality are required.

The project for CLAM-support (start date: 1 Oct 2011; end date: 1 Oct 2012) will continue as planned. It is expected that also after Oct 1, 2012 CLAM support will be needed, so we reserve money for this in the 2012 budget.

Support for EPIC follow-up
The EPIC project is working together with Cultural Heritage institutes to create PID and related services and is looking for 100k euro as of mid 2012 to have these services run. They might apply for co-funding of this amount by CLARIN-NL. The EB is open for a concrete proposal, budget and list of other (candidate) co-funders and

will evaluate the proposal in terms of its relevance for CLARIN(-NL). If approved will fund this from the call budget.

2.2.3 Centres of Expertise

The virtual Centre of Expertise on the curation of data, led by the Radboud University of Nijmegen but with close involvement of experts from the CLARIN Centres will run as planned and budgeted in 2011.

While curating these data, the DCS will investigate, plan and budget for additional candidates to be curated. The plan and budget for each selected resource will be submitted to the EB for approval before the data curation activities start.

The Board will, based on input provided by the DCS and the EB, evaluate the DCS and decide on its continuation in Q3 of 2012. This will allow optimal continuation (experienced researchers can be kept, etc.) in case of a positive decision to continue the DCS in 2013.

The EB will request and expects the DCS coordinator to make, in the course of 2012, and based in part on experiences with the initial data curation activities to make a detailed plan for data curation activities in 2013. Target Date: Dec 1. 2012.

The EB will also request the DCS to create a guideline for curation of data, so that other projects can benefit from this.
Finally, the EB expects that an activity of harmonizing all (separately and independently created) metadata records may be required at the end of 2012 or early 2013. Though it differs from data curation per se, it is not unnatural to have the DCS carry out this task.

Steven Krauwer (SK) suggested, in the CLARIN NL/CLARIN-D meeting to set up a *CLARIN Annotation Support Centre* together with CLARIN-D. The EB invites SK to elaborate a concrete proposal and budget. If such a proposal is approved, the budget for it will be taken from the closed call budget.

2.2.4 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 and workshops, and make submissions to them.
- CLIN 2012, Tilburg, 20 Jan 2012 (sponsor presentation by H. Stehouwer)
- Lustrumcongres Alfa-informatica, Groningen, 31 Jan 2012 (running sponsor presentation)
- SURF Onderzoeksdag *Inspiratie voor ICT-gebruik in onderzoek*, Utrecht, 9 FEB 2012 (AvH gave a presentation)

- LREC 2012, Istanbul May 2012 (submission by JO accepted).
- Digital Humanities 2012 Hamburg.
- Others to be determined during 2012.

Events organized by CLARIN-NL
The EB aims to organize several events itself or with others, inter alia:

From	To	Description	City	Ctry	Who
06/03.2012	06/03/2012	CLARIN-NL Call 3 Kick-off	Utrecht	NL	EB
Spring 2012		ISOCAT Workshop	Utrecht	NL	IS
Spring 2012		Metadata Workshop	Utrecht	NL	DB
Mid 2012		Workshop or Meeting with SARA/SURF on sustainability	tbd	NL	HB
Autumn 2012		Lorentz Center Seminar of (CLARIN) technical staff involved in eHumanities NeSC (Jacob de Vlieg)	Leiden	NL	HB

It also aims to make preparations for the organization of *Digital Humanities 2014* in Utrecht.

Meetings
The EB will organize and/or attend meetings with relevant individuals and organizations. These will surely include
- Meetings with subprojects
- Meetings with CLARIN ERIC
- Meetings with other national CLARIN projects (e.g. Norway, Germany, etc.)
- Meetings with CLARIN Centres, and with CLARIN Data Providers
- Meetings with related projects such as Taalportaal, CATCHPlus, CATCH, Nederlab, 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

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 2012

(Tilburg, 20 Jan. 2012), Lustrumcongres Alfa-informatica Groningen (31 Jan 2012), and workshops organized by CLARIN-NL subprojects

Support for travel of Dutch researchers to CLARIN-related events
CLARIN-NL will continue its support of Dutch researchers to attend CLARIN-related events, and it will announce this form of support and the procedures to be followed again, since it appears to be not very well-known.

CLARIN- NL Newsflashes
CLARIN- NL aims to issue at least 6 Newsflashes in 2012.

CLARIN-EU Newsflashes
CLARIN-EU Newsflashes will not appear anymore, since the CLARIN-prep project has finished. But it is likely that a CLARIN ERIC newsflash will start to appear in 2012, and CLARIN-NL will contribute to these (at least twice).

CLARIN-EU Newsletter
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eData & Research
CLARIN-NL will continue its membership of the eData & Research Magazine in 2012. 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 continue to participate in the editorial team and Jan Odijk in the board.

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

CLARIN-NL in the press
The EB wants CLARIN-NL to become more visible in the press. The start of the CLARIN ERIC will be an excellent initial opportunity, and we are already working together with the Utrecht University PR department on this. The EB also intends to hire a press specialist to support us in this, make use of the press specialists' expertise and network, and to have a systematic activity in this area. The EB has already evaluated a first candidate and is currently considering when best to start this up.

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

The 6 movies currently being produced by Dyzlo will have to be finished, and used at various events. The experiences with the movies will have to be evaluated, as well the experiences with the producer, but the EB expects that a new series of 6 movies is

desirable and propose to reserve budget for this. This new series can be created as of Q4 of 2012.

Website
The internal website has been redesigned. Maintenance of the website and additional functionality will be required after this, so the EB reserves money for this.

For the external website, after its design, maintenance costs may be necessary, but they are covered by the preceding item. The EB also reserves budget for editorial work.

The building of the portal to the CLARIN infrastructure is included in the budget for the Integration plan. But money must be reserved for the accompanying PR.

NWO and CLARIN-compatible resources
The EB will again address the issue of NWO requiring language-related resources resulting from research projects to be CLARIN-compatible.

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. IS already organizes a tutorial on ISOCAT at LREC (Istanbul, May 2012). ISOCAT and Metadata tutorials will also be organized in the Netherlands. The EB will also organize events or meetings to assist researchers to write good proposals for Call 4. 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.

Helpdesk
The HelpDesk will continue to run as it has done in 2011. It will be managed by JO and DB. Plans for cooperation with CLARIN-D will have to be further discussed and elaborated.

2.2.5 National Coordination Point

The national coordination point continues to operate as before. The effort of the Project Secretary is now, with the increasing number of subprojects, significantly larger than the amount of FTE assigned to this function. The EB therefore increases the amount of FTE for the project secretary to 0.9 FTE for the duration of one year.

NAP By the move of Antal van den Bosch from Tilburg to Nijmegen, Tilburg has no representative in the NAP. Antal van den Bosch suggested appointing a Tilburg researcher in the NAP, possibly in his stead. The EB proposes to follow this suggestion.

IAP The International Advisory Panel consists of 8 members, though there is one vacancy. The task of the IAP is hard (many project proposal must be reviewed by few IAP members), and a few IAP members were not able to participate in the project proposal evaluation. Therefore the EB invite three more IAP members. These can be selected from the former CLARIN-prep IAP and from researchers active in national CLARIN activities in other countries (e.g. Norway, Germany, etc.).

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 is collecting this information and will transfer it to NWO.

3 2012 Budget

The CLARIN-NL budget for 2012 can be found in the document *CLARIN-NL 2012 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. The results of this procedure are expected to be made available by the end of the spring of 2012.

If the CLARIAH project is awarded funding, we will have to consider how CLARIN-NL and CLARIAH can achieve maximal synergy.