

User Involvement Action Plan 2017 and overview of activities

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Outline

- Action plan
 - Strategic activities
 - Field activities
 - Supporting activities
- Activities on 2016
 - central
 - national

Action Plan

Strategic activities: UI Working Group

- prepare a strategy for UI
 - priorities & priority target groups
- design an evaluation framework for UI activities
 - recording & measurement of activities
 - collecting feedback from the participants
 - evaluation of UI activities
 - monitoring & evaluation of uptake
- establish a model for co-operation between CLARIN ERIC and national consortia
 - minimum standards
 - share experience & know-how
- define the role of CLARIN ambassadors

Strategic activities: Involvement in curricula

- compile a list of relevant university curricula
 - Course Registry
- establish connections to add CLARIN services, tools and resources to the curricula

Strategic activities: COST Actions

- compile a list of relevant COST Actions
- establish connections and seek involvement
 - networking meetings, scientific workshops & conferences
 - training schools
 - short-term scientific mission

Field activities: Master Classes

- a session at a major DH or SS event
- CLARIN experts answer researchers' questions and recommend CLARIN approaches, tools, resources

Field activities: Summer School Courses

- compile a list of most relevant summer schools in CL, DH and SS
- seek agreement with summer school organizers to accept CLARIN co-located events, e.g. tutorials, courses, workshops
- actively encourage researchers from the CLARIN community to hold courses, tutorials or workshops at the summer schools through an open call

Field activities: Training Events

- offer co-financing of UI training events of the national consortia through an open call
- workshops and seminars on new and key language tools and resources
 - for DH and SS lecturers and researchers at universities, institutes, libraries, archives and museums
- teacher seminars addressing deficitary topics
 - providing teacher training and teaching materials
- targeted seminars addressing under-serviced communities
 - e.g. diaspora, minorities, special needs
- refreshment courses for language professionals
 - e.g. translators, language editors, journalists

Supporting activities

- Website
 - improve visibility of UI on the web page
 - update UI internal page
- Tour de CLARIN
 - periodic highlights UI activities of a different national consortium
 - if possible, add showcases from that country
- Videolectures
 - add visibility of CLARIN talks and tutorials
- User Surveys
 - select 2 priority user groups, 1 in DH, 1 in SS
 - find out what resources, tools, training and support these users need
 - co-locate with CLARIN PLUS workshops or other UI events
- Seek collaboration opportunities with other ERICs
 - SHARE, ESS, CESSDA, DARIAH

Activities

CLARIN ERIC

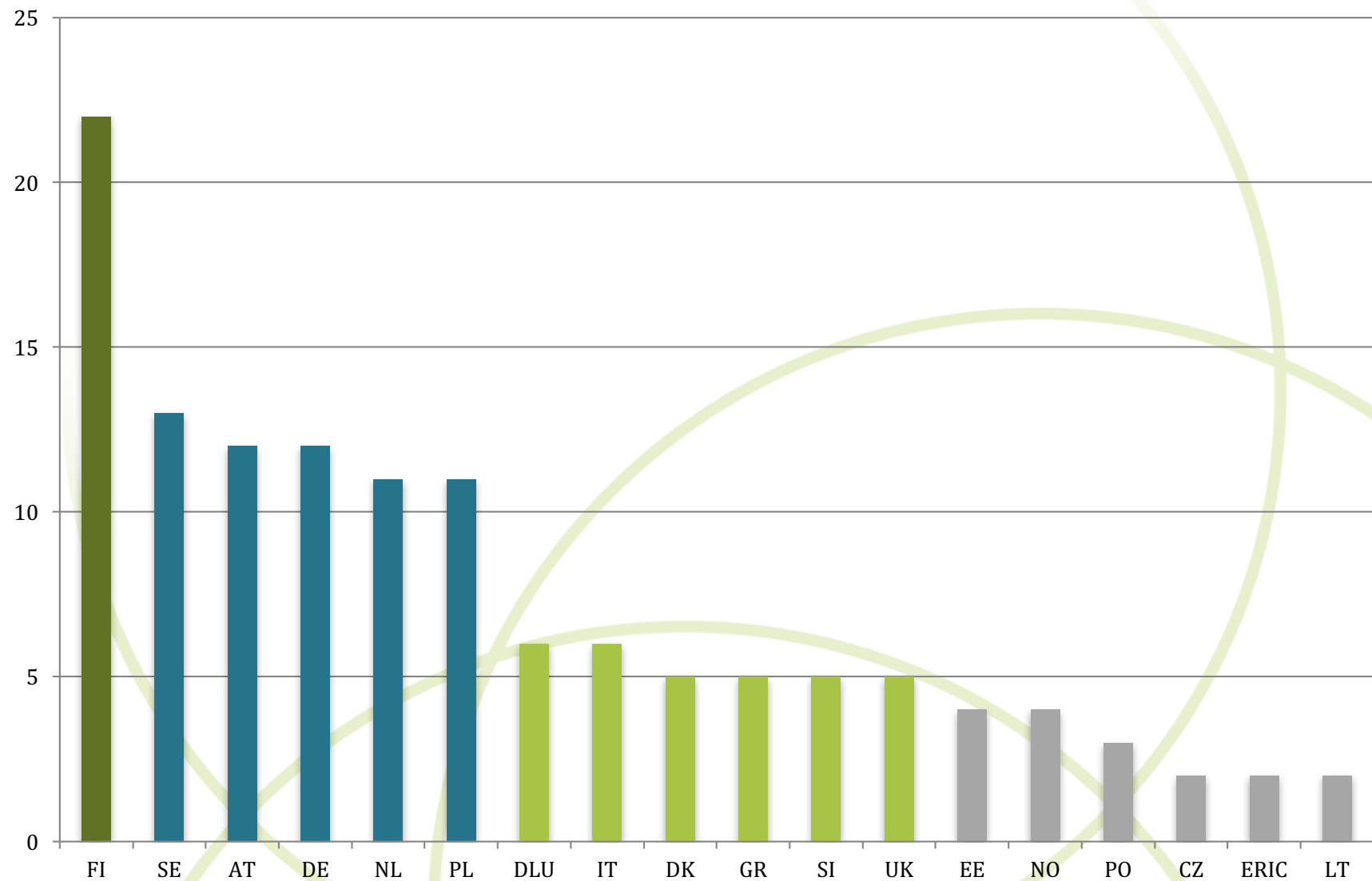
- CLARIN PLUS workshops
 - demonstrate the application of CLARIN tools & services to advance DH & SS research in fields other than linguistics
 - target a specific user group & present a carefully selected set of attested applications of language & speech technology in DH & SS
 - 40 participants, 2 days, invited talks, presentations by participants, discussion groups, presentations recorded & published on-line
 - [Exploring Spoken Word Data in Oral History Archives](#)
18-19 April 2016, Oxford (UK)
 - [Working with Digital Collections of Newspapers](#)
19-21 September 2016, Leuven (Belgium)
 - Parliamentary data
Sofia (Bulgaria)
 - Social media data
Kaunas (Lithuania)
- PARTHENOS user requirements report
 - coordination of a 300-page [User Requirements Report \(in the humanities, wrt. infrastructures & technology\)](#)

National consortia

- increasing maturity of the existing consortia & rising number of new consortia
- number & range of activities has increased significantly
 - the same number of activities in a single year (2016) as in the period of 2012-2015
 - the Finnish consortium reported the highest number of activities (22)
 - additional 5 consortia carried out over 10 events in 2016: Sweden, Austria, Germany, the Netherlands & Poland
 - most activities were 1-day events (64%) & were attended by 7-150 participants

total no. of events	130
total no. of countries with events	18
country with max no. of events	FI (22)
avg. no. of events per country	7.2
no. of participants per event*	1507 in total, ranging between 7 and 150
duration*	1 day (51 events) 2-5 days (24 events) >5 days (5 events)

Number of UI activities by country



Type of activity

- 9 different broad categories of event types identified:
 - publication/presentation of a conference/journal poster/paper
 - teaching of a course/lecture/tutorial
 - organization of a workshop
 - organization of a conference
 - curation projects
 - dissemination activities in public media/on the web
 - technical improvements of the repositories, services, tools, resources
 - collaboration with other initiatives, countries, helpdesk activities
- most frequent activity: active participation with presentations, demonstration booths & papers at a conference/workshop/journal (25%)
- most frequent discipline: language & linguistics (74%)
- the granularity of reporting varies from one consortium to the other

Summary

- an impressive breadth to CLARIN's range of involvements
- a certain unevenness across the various national consortia, mostly due to different levels of maturity & budget available
 - understandable that more mature & better funded consortia will continue to offer more UI activities
 - BUT we will try to ensure the minimum standards of user engagement across the network
 - we will strive to further standardise the activity-reporting procedure to obtain more comprehensive records & achieve a more even granularity of the events reported by different consortia

Questions & comments welcome

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Looking forward to move from
possible & available to useful & used

