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# The Role of the INT in the Digital Age

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# ABOUT US

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**DUTCH-FLEMISH INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED LINGUISTICS**

**34 STAFF MEMBERS  
FROM THE NETHERLANDS AND FLANDERS**

*15 linguists*

*6 computational linguists*

*6 softwaredevelopers + 1 webmaster*

*2 system administrators*

*4 management office*

*Special relation with University of Leiden; teaching, research, servers at the ISSC in Leiden.*

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## GENERAL OBJECTIVES

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- To be a widely accessible scholarly institute in the field of the Dutch language.
- A central position in the Dutch-speaking world (the Netherlands, Flanders, Suriname and the Caribbean), as a developer, keeper and distributor of corpora, lexica, dictionaries and grammars.
- All the necessary content for the study of Dutch.

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## MISSION

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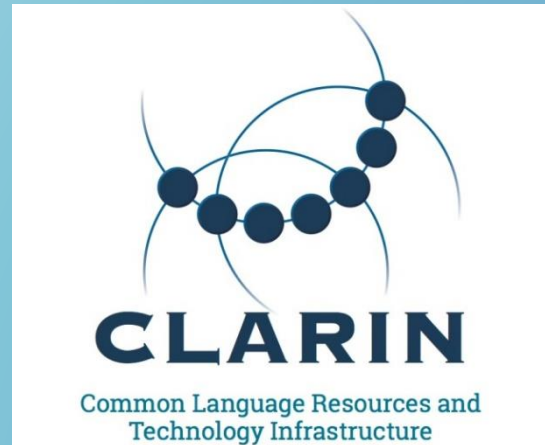
- Promoting the knowledge and use of the Dutch language through applied scientific research.
- Stimulating and coordinating the scientific description of the Dutch vocabulary and grammar in all their varieties throughout the centuries.
- Producing, integrating and disclosing Dutch source material textcorpora, dictionaries, lexical digital databases, grammars, and all required technological tools.

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## CLARIN-ERIC

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- “Common Language Research Infrastructure” (since 2009)
- To establish a sustainable common infrastructure for research in the humanities
- Involves both the software tools and the content: all the digital language material



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## CLARIN-B

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The Netherlands has 4 CLARIN B centres

- Meertens Institute
- Huygens ING
- Max Planck Institute
- **the Dutch Language Institute**

A CLARIN B centre manages tools and data, and makes them available for research.

Assessment procedure to obtain a Data Seal of Approval.

This guarantees that each CLARIN B centre employs recognized standards, provides metadata, and is legally and ethically sound.

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## CLARIN-B

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### What do we do for researchers?

Researchers and students affiliated with universities and other research institutes can log in with **single sign-on** (SSO) to use tools and materials. These can be found through portals. This also makes it easy to keep track of **ongoing and previously conducted research**, which stimulates the cultivation of (international) contacts with fellow researchers.

The portals enable the online use or downloading of tools and data. Researchers have the option of using **a personal workspace**. Moreover, they can safely and sustainably leave their own research data and research tools in the infrastructure upon finishing their project. Crucially, CLARIN guarantees that tools will be updated, and that materials will **remain available and researchable** through the use of persistent identifiers.

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## CLARIN-K

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In 2021, we became a CLARIN K centre.

the K representing Knowledge, focused on Dutch.

In this role, the INT also offers its knowledge to non-Dutch researchers.

<https://kdutch.ivdnt.org/wiki/K-Dutch>



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## CLARIN.BE

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**Belgium joins CLARIN ERIC as a member**

*17 September 2021*

We are very pleased to announce that Belgium officially joined CLARIN as a member!

The Belgian CLARIN consortium CLARIN-BE is led by the Instituut voor de Nederlandse Taal (INT) which is already a CLARIN-B centre: CLARIN technical centre for Flanders.

Dr Vincent Vandeghinste is the national coordinator for CLARIN-BE

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Common Language Resources and  
Technology Infrastructure

# CLARIAH +

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Research project in The Netherlands  
Clarín +Daríah combined

Academic research in Humanities and Social Sciences

CLARIAH develops, facilitates and stimulates the use of Digital Humanities resources and infrastructures. We offer these resources to researchers and other professionals in an insightful and user-friendly way.

<https://www.clariah.nl/>



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## CLARIAH FLANDERS

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**Open Humanities gets an infrastructural boost in Flanders**

**CLARIAH-VL: Open Humanities Service Infrastructure**

the Flemish contribution to the European DARIAH and CLARIN infrastructures. It brings together and extends the portfolio of services enabling digital scholarship in the Arts and Humanities offered by the DARIAH-VL

**Virtual Research Environment Service Infrastructure**

with the digital tools and language data that are offered through [CLARIN-DLU/Flanders](#).

The consortium which includes the network of **Digital Humanities Research Centres** at the universities of Antwerp, Brussels, Ghent and Leuven has been extended with the Dutch Language Institute (INT) – the **CLARIN-ERIC certified B-Centre for Flanders**.

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## INCLUSION

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### ➤ Sign Languages

Flemish Sign Language – Dutch Sign Language

Building a corpus infrastructure

### ➤ Low literacy and language learners

Wablief and WAI-NOT newspapers

Basilex "Easy Language  
Eenvoudig communiceren

<https://oefenen.nl/>

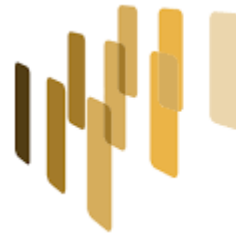
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# EUROPEAN INITIATIVES

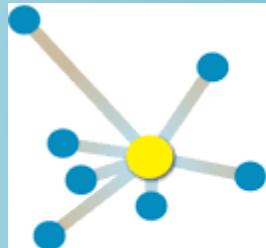
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**EUROPEAN  
LANGUAGE  
EQUALITY**



**EUROPEAN  
LANGUAGE  
GRID**



**European Language  
Resource Coordination**

*Connecting Europe Facility*

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# LORENTZ WORKSHOP

New challenges after publishing the white paper

Implementing new workflows, using AI and big data

**NIAS**  
**Lorentz center**  
Workshop @Oort

## The Future of Academic Lexicography

4 - 8 November 2019, Leiden, the Netherlands

**Scientific Organizers**

- Dirk Geeraerts, University of Leuven
- Marian Klamer, Leiden University
- Iztok Kosem, Ljubljana University
- Niels Schiller, Leiden University
- Frieda Steurs, The Dutch Language Institute

**Topics**

- Scientific Lexicography and Information Technology
- Integrating Artificial Intelligence and Big Data Analysis
- Customizing and Resourcing Scientific Dictionary Content
- Engaging the Crowd and Serving Superdiverse Societies

The Lorentz Center organizes international workshops for researchers in the scientific disciplines. It aims to create an atmosphere that fosters collaboration, work associations and intellectual exchange. For registration see [www.lorentzcenter.nl](http://www.lorentzcenter.nl)

This workshop is part of a collaboration with NIAS and aims to stimulate research in the Humanities & Social Sciences.

Poster by [www.lorentzcenter.nl](http://www.lorentzcenter.nl)

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The Netherlands AI Coalition is committed to accelerate and connect AI developments and initiatives in the Netherlands.

The NL AIC is a public-private partnership in which the government, the business sector, educational and research institutions, as well as civil society organisations collaborate to accelerate and connect AI developments and initiatives.

The ambition is to position the Netherlands at the forefront of knowledge and application of AI for prosperity and well-being. We are continually doing so with due observance of both the Dutch and European standards and values. The NL AIC functions as the catalyst for AI applications in our country.

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# AI FOR INNOVATION: CASE NLP

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The ministries of NL (OCW) and Flanders (EWI)

## **Workshop on AI for Innovation**

(7th of October 2020)

- AI applied within research in particular on *natural language processing*;
- Smart Industry (Digital Innovation Hubs to introduce AI to companies and public services);
- AI & Legislation (Human-Centric AI);
- Data Sharing (structures and solutions for data sharing);
  
- **The Dutch Language Institute provided the input for the first action point.**



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Thank you for your attention!

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