

Clarín/Dariah CENL Dialogue Forum

Actions required:

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During informal talks between the CENL chair and the directors of the National Libraries in Belgium, France and the Netherlands the idea of a possible cooperation between CENL and Clarín/Dariah EU was born. In the following time, the German National Library invited some colleagues from the above mentioned national libraries and representatives from Clarín/Dariah.

All attendees agreed that a CENL Dialogue Forum would be a good way for Clarín and Dariah to discuss with the national libraries. National libraries have all the data digital humanities researchers need. It was acknowledged that currently there are many projects in Europe that focus on the collection of data, demonstrating the importance of networking. One important issue that should be discussed will be the international accessibility of datasets, which will be a challenge in implementation. Another issue will be fair data (still under development) and the European Open Science Cloud.

In principle, the topic is interesting for all (national) libraries. The research infrastructure in Europe isn't finished yet, and the Dialogue Forum would be a good opportunity to look at specific issues and get some initial results on how (national) libraries could benefit from infrastructures. At the same time, a Dialogue Forum would lead to more awareness for this topic. This is desirable as all libraries will have data labs sooner or later. Especially from the point of view that everyone tests new strategies in their own way, the Dialogue Forum could be particularly valuable. As the title for the Dialogue Forum 'Libraries as data infrastructures' was suggested.

The group agreed that it will be useful to start with a small circle of national libraries, and maybe hold a workshop first, and later publish a call of interest to extend the group to all who are interested in the dialogue.

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