

European Language Grid – META-FORUM 2020 Session 4: News from the Language Communities

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Developments in Flanders / Belgium

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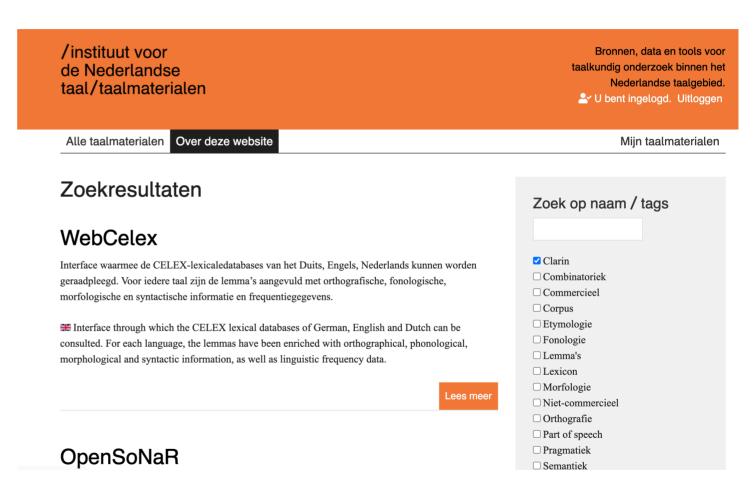


European Language Grid – META-FORUM 2020 Walter Daelemans: Developments in Flanders / Belgium

- The STEVIN programme legacy
- Flanders / Belgium in CLARIN
- The Flemish AI Program

Stevin Programme Legacy https://taalmaterialen.ivdnt.org

- Stevin programme Netherlands –
 Flanders (2005-2011, 11 million euro)
- Linguistic situation makes transnational "Low Countries" approach obvious
- Do we need more than a good, regularly updated, meta-catalogue to find locally developed resources?



Flanders / Belgium in CLARIN

- Flanders region cannot participate in CLARIN
 - Dutch Language Union was a member representing both The Netherlands and Flanders region
 - Intricate situation between federal and regional levels in Belgium
 - Flanders / Belgium currently not a member
 - Local ESFRI applications both for CLARIN and CLARIAH
 - Decision in December
- Is Europe too inflexible toward the language level as opposed to the national level?



Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure

The Flemish AI Programme https://airesearchflanders.be

- Started late 2019
 - 17 million for basic research and education
 - Grand Challenge 4 (Toward Human Level AI)
 - Workpackage 2: Conversational Agents (NLP)
 - 5 research groups, 6 PhD, 1 Postdoc
 - The other challenges and work packages are doing HLT as well!
- Does it make sense, with the currently convergence of methodology in different areas of AI, to still see Human Language Technology as separate from the rest of AI?





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Thank you!



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