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META-FORUM 2021
The Third Annual ELG Conference
Closing Session

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Using the European Language Grid**

META-FORUM 2021

- The second virtual META-FORUM.

- Adapted format: shorter sessions, half-day programme only, stretched over three days.

- META-FORUM 2021 was meant to be an "update edition" between our larger conferences META-FORUM 2020 and META-FORUM 2022.

- Emphasis on the important core aspects and the project expo.

- 500+ registered participants.

- … we have to check how many unique Zoom users we had.

- Despite some technical hiccups we've received very good feedback

- The whole ELG team is very happy (and ELE,too)!

Europe's wider **Multilingual Europe Community**

- A lot of traction, both on the international level and various national levels.

- All countries and languages are interested in large language models.

- Many new opportunities in Horizon Europe (research) and Digital Europe (deployment).

- How to collaborate between EU/EC and the different countries/regions?

  - Countries should concentrate on getting national/regional funding programmes that exclusively support the development of technologies (including models) for their language – ELE will help.

  - Scientists want to compete with their colleagues on a global level so many are incentivised only to work on English. This needs to change.

  - Coordination should happen on the international level – ELG & ELE will help. Here, we need to tackle the crucial challenges, one of which is data availability.

- ELG and ELE will help establish the bridge, both the technology platform with its services and data sets, the ELG NCCs, the wider ELE community, the European LT/NLP community etc.

European Language Grid – Next Steps

- ELG project was extended by six months due to Covid-19 – ELG to end in June 2022

- ELG platform: further extension in terms of features, services, resources, organisations

- Billing component and process for financial reimbursement of commercial providers

- Release 3 of the ELG platform coming up (early 2022)

- ELG Open Call #1 pilots have finished up, Open Call #2 pilots will finish up soon

- ELE is running at full steam and already beyond the half-way point

- Further building of the ELG community including industry and research (ELG Roadshow)

- Promotion of the ELG platform for services and resources provided by third parties

- Sustainability of the ELG initiative: further elaboration of the legal entity

- European Language Grid Data Space

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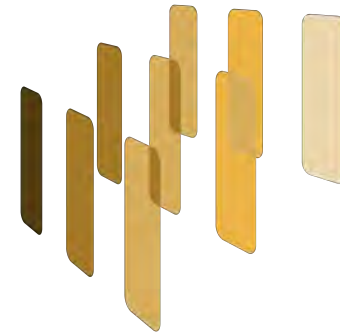Using the European Language Grid

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

All presenters

All participants of panel discussions

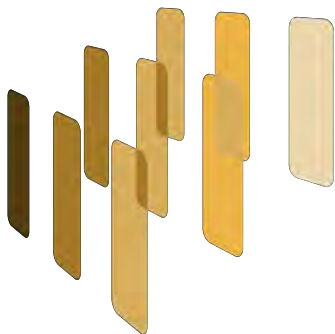**All participants of the conference**

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SPECIAL THANKS TO THE WHOLE ELG TEAM!

Especially: Katrin Marheinecke, Stefanie Hegele, Jens Peter Kückens, Annika Grützner-Zahn, Rémi Calizzano

Thank you, stay healthy – and see you at META-FORUM 2022 (8-10 June)!

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