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META-FORUM 2019 The First Annual ELG Conference Welcome Address

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META NET META FORUM 2019

- Founded in 2010 by the FP7 T4ME, later supported by CRACKER, now **ELG**
 - 60 members from 34 countries
 - Executive Board (14), Chair, 2 Deputy Chairs, Honorary Chair, Gen. Secretary
- META: Multilingual Europe Technology Alliance with "free" membership
 - 900+ members from 67 countries
- META-FORUM
 - ^D This conference since 2010, now the 8th META-FORUM here
- Goal(s)
 - ^o Bring together LT community: researchers, businesses, public administrations, others
 - Vision for the LT community
 - Strategic Research (and Innovation) Agenda(s)

META=NFT



The Last Two Years since META-FORUM 2017

- European projects in Language Technology
 - CRACKER
 - Supporting META-NET, coordinating other H2020 projects in LT (within the NGI topic and beyond):
 - QT21 RIA on machine translation, developed first NMT systems, uptake by CEF
 - HimL IA, Health in my Language, translation for NHS24 and Cochrane
 - KConnect medical machine translation; also TraMOOC, ModernMT, Summa
 - All ran 2015-2017
- Gap in 2018; Call 29 resulted in new set of projects
 - ELG (platform and coordination) and
 - ELITR automatic interpreting, <u>Bergamot</u> in-browser MT, <u>Comprise</u> voice-enabled services, EMBEDDIA – Cross-lingual embeddings, Prêt-à-LLOD – Linguistic Linked Open Data, Gourmet – MT for low-resourced languages



- Horizon 2020
 - Call 48 Artificial Intelligence Excellence Centers, closes Nov. 13
 - Language Technology grossly underrepresented
 - Call 49 platforms (AI, 2020) possible ELG extension as well
- Horizon Europe (2021-2017)
 - Public Consultation please contribute (TODAY!! Closes EOB Oct. 8, 2019)
 - ^D https://ec.europa.eu/info/horizon-europe-next-research-and-innovation-framework-programme en
 - Meeting in Luxembourg Oct. 3-4 expert consultation on Language Technology in HE
 - Together with Web Accessibility, synergies
- Digital Europe Programme (2021-2027)
 - Deployment of Language Technology (~CEF)
 - Public Consultation https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/have-your-say-futureinvestment-europes-digital-economy (closes Oct. 25, 2019)



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...this and more about ELG and Language Technology now at META-FORUM!

Enjoy!



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