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The Second Annual ELG Conference

Closing Session

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01 Dec. 2020	09:00-10:30	Session 1: Opening
	10:30-10:45	<i>Virtual Coffee Break</i>
	10:45-12:00	Session 2: ELG Open Calls and Pilot Projects
	12:00-13:30	<i>Virtual Project Expo</i>
02 Dec. 2020	09:00-09:30	Session 3: European Language Equality (ELE)
	09:30-10:45	Session 4: News from the Language Communities
	10:45-11:30	<i>Virtual Project Expo</i>
	11:30-12:30	Session 5: European AI Initiatives and Language-centric AI Initiatives
	12:30-13:30	<i>Virtual Project Expo</i>
03 Dec. 2020	09:00-10:15	Session 6: ELG and the European LT industry
	10:15-11:15	<i>Virtual Project Expo</i>
	11:15-11:45	Session 7: Sustainability of European LT Projects
	11:45-12:00	Session 8: Closing

Virtual Project Expo

- Four dedicated virtual project expo sessions
- A total of 35 projects present themselves, most of them EU-funded
- Each project was assigned a time slot and Zoom channel.
- The virtual project expo is supposed to work exactly like a physical one
- Everybody is invited to join the expo/project booths they are interested in
- All project teams have prepared materials
- Please simply join the Zoom channels of the projects you are interested in one after the other and engage with the project teams



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- The first virtual META-FORUM.
- Adapted format: shorter sessions, half-day programme only, stretched over three days.
- Emphasis on the important core aspects and the project expo.
- Almost 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!

Europe's wider **Multilingual Europe Community**



- There's a lot of traction now, both on the international level and also on the level of at least some countries, see Iceland, Finland, Denmark etc.
- There's a chance for new opportunities in Horizon Europe and Digital Europe.
- Big challenge: 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 for their language – ELE will help.
- Scientists want to compete with their colleagues on an international level so many are incentivised to work on English. This needs to change.
- Coordination should happen on the international level – ELG & ELE will help.
- ELG and ELE will help establish the bridge, both the technology platform with its services and data sets and also the LT Council including the NCCs.

European Language Grid – Next Steps



- ELG platform: massive extension in terms of features, services, resources, organisations
- ELG project was extended by six months due to Covid-19 – ELG to end in June 2022
- Evaluation of proposals and selection of Open Call #2 pilots – projects to start in 2021
- Start of the ELE project
- Release 2 of the ELG platform (February/March 2021)
- Further building of the ELG community including industry and research (ELG Roadshow)
- Opening up the ELG platform for services and resources provided by third parties
- Release 3 of the ELG platform (early 2022)
- Sustainability of the ELG initiative: further elaboration of the legal entity

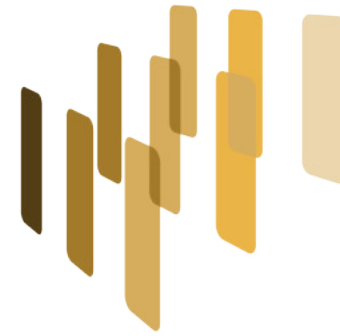
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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

All presenters

All participants of panel discussions

All participants of the conference



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SPECIAL THANKS TO THE WHOLE ELG TEAM!





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Thank you, stay healthy – and see you in 2021!



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