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META-FORUM 2019 The First Annual ELG Conference Closing Remarks

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Introducing the European Language Grid

Day 1: 08 October 2019	09:00-10:05	Opening Session
	10:05-10:45	Project Expo and Coffee Break
	10:45-11:15	Opening Keynote: Gail Kent (DG Connect, EC)
	11:15-13:00	Session 1: Introducing the European Language Grid
	13:00-14:00	Project Expo and Lunch Break
	14:00-14:45	Keynote: Towards a Global Language Grid — Nancy Ide (Vassar College, USA)
	14:45-15:30	Session 2: Current EU Language Technology Research Projects
	15:30-16:15	Project Expo and Coffee Break
	16:15-17:15	Session 3: Discussion Panel – Language Technology and AI
	17:15-18:05	Session 4: Language Technology and Digital Public Services

Day 2: 09 October 2019	09:00-10:15	Session 5: News from the Language Communities
	10:15-10:45	Project Expo and Coffee Break
	10:45-12:30	Session 6: ELG and the European LT Industry
	12:30-13:30	Project Expo and Lunch Break
	13:30-14:20	Session 7: Selected relevant EU Projects
	14:20-15:00	Session 8: Sustainability of the ICT-29 Projects
	15:00-15:45	Project Expo and Coffee Break
	15:45-16:30	Keynote: Unbabel – AI-powered Translation Solutions – Maxim Khalilov (Unbabel)
	16:30-17:15	Award Ceremony – META Seal of Recognition, META Prize
	17:15-17:30	Closing Session

European Language Grid – Next Steps

- **Now:** continue the collaboration with the six ICT29b) projects, AI4EU and other projects – we had several very productive side meetings this week, collaboration is progressing *very* nicely.
- **March 2020:**
 - Pre-release of the ELG platform
 - First sets of services, tools, components, data sets, corpora etc.
 - Open Call #1
 - European Language Technology Council operational
- **May 2020:**
 - First release proper of the ELG platform
 - LREC 2020: ELG tutorial (if our proposal is accepted)
 - LREC 2020: Several papers on ELG (if our submissions are accepted)

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, Denmark, Finland etc.
- There is a good chance that there will be new opportunities in HE and DEP.
- 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 the relevant language
- Scientists want to compete with their colleagues on an international level so many are incentivised to work on English. This needs to change.
- Collaboration and coordination must then happen on the international level.
- ELG will help establish this bridge, both the technology platform with its services and data sets and also the European LT Council including the NCCs.

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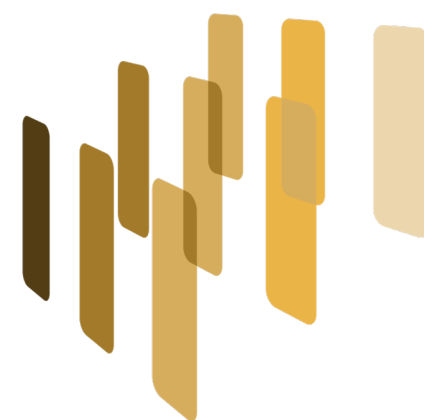
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

All presenters

All participants of panel discussions

All session chairs

All participants of the conference



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SPECIAL THANKS TO THE WHOLE ELG TEAM ON SITE!





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Welcome and Introduction

Thank you and see you next year!



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