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## **Letter of Support for the NFDI-initiative Text+: Language- and text-based Research Data Infrastructure**

Dear colleagues,

I would like to express my strong support for your research proposal “Text+: Language- and text-based Research Data Infrastructure” in my capacity as an international researcher in corpus and computational linguistics and also as a professor for German linguistics and corpus linguistics at the Institute for German language and literature at *Universität Hamburg*.

In order to remain internationally competitive in the digital turn in the humanities research, it will be essential to have large and sustainable infrastructure support which can draw on existing experience and which also takes into account individual language-specific requirements that go beyond resources and tools for English. I think that the proposal for Text+ fills this demand in an excellent way in that it supports language- and text-based research by a scientifically-lead infrastructure in close cooperation with scientific societies.

In case of funding, I would be happy to actively contribute to the successful implementation of your project.

I fully support the proposal and strongly recommend funding it.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Heike Zinsmeister