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Dear Erhard Hinrichs,

This letter expresses CLARIN ERIC's support for the Text+ proposal to be submitted in response to call for NFDI projects.

CLARIN is a pan-European research infrastructure that aims at providing access to language resources and tools to support and advance the relevant research communities in the humanities and social sciences (SSH) and beyond. CLARIN was established as an ERIC in 2012 and currently is bringing together twenty member countries, and furthermore four observer countries, and more than forty centres all over Europe and beyond.

CLARIN would very much welcome if the Text+ initiative were funded, as this would ensure that best practices, methodological and technical standards for research data management in the social science and humanities are catered for by an adequate infrastructure that integrates both the national and cross-national perspective. Funding Text+ would also confirm Germany's commitment to maintaining the infrastructure that has been developed within CLARIN. As a founding member of CLARIN ERIC, Germany has been one of the driving forces behind the CLARIN effort.

The interest in support for language- and text-based research data is central to both the Text+ initiative and CLARIN. Text+ can make a significant contribution to the consolidated support for research communities in the social sciences and humanities at large who work with language data. It will undoubtedly help enhance the level of linguistic diversity covered by CLARIN, and resource diversity overall. It will thereby contribute to the understanding of the cultural, social, economic and political dynamics in Europe and beyond.

Even though the scope of Text+ is wider, the successful collaboration with the German branch of CLARIN will be continued in the Text+ consortium. The IDS – the Leibniz Institute for the German



Language – in Mannheim, is the applicant institution for Text+. Both the IDS and its partners have tight connections to CLARIN. On the one hand, the IDS is one of the certified CLARIN B-centres, which form the backbone of the distributed CLARIN infrastructure by curating and managing resources, providing support etc. the German CLARIN B-Centres-infrastructure participating in Text+. These German centres operate central parts of CLARIN's infrastructure, for instance, the CLARIN Legal Helpdesk is operated in Germany, and thanks to the work of, e.g., Dr. Piotr Bański (IDS), Germany has played an active role in the CLARIN Standards Committee, which develops standards for research data in CLARIN's domain.

Prof. Dr. Andreas Witt (IDS), who also serves on the CLARIN board of directors, will act as a liaison between the European CLARIN effort and Text+. We are also particularly glad that you as the long-time national coordinator for CLARIN-DE are the designated spokesperson for Text+.

CLARIN recognizes the importance of the envisaged efforts of Text+ to build and continuously expand a comprehensive data and service portfolio for language data. We very much welcome the establishment of a governance structure that will facilitate the cooperation with European research infrastructures in the relevant domains, including CLARIN. The connections between CLARIN and Text+ will help ensure that the national research data infrastructure will also be integrated into the European perspective.

CLARIN will encourage all members of the CLARIN community to actively participate in the activities of Text+. CLARIN will also support the dissemination of the Text+ mission in the relevant networks and is open to cooperation through outreach events such as conferences, workshops, summer schools, etc.

In sum, we see a clear potential for synergies between CLARIN and Text+ on all levels of work, and an opportunity to further consolidate not only the national, but also the European research infrastructures. Therefore, CLARIN ERIC strongly supports the application of the Text+ consortium within the scope of the NFDI.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'F. de Jong', written over a circular stamp or watermark.

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executive director CLARIN ERIC