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Letter of Intent

This letter of intent is to support the Consortium Text+ as *Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities* (DARIAH).

DARIAH is a *European Research Infrastructure Consortium* (ERIC) established in 2014 that brings together 19 members and many cooperating partners. The consortium aims to enhance and support digitally-enabled research and teaching across the arts and humanities. DARIAH is a network of people, expertise, information, knowledge, content, methods, tools and technologies from the different member countries. By developing and maintaining an infrastructure in support of ICT-based research practices, DARIAH sustains researchers in building, analysing and interpreting digital resources. By working with communities of practice, DARIAH brings together individual state-of-the-art digital arts and humanities activities and scales their results to a European level.

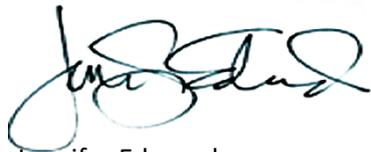
DARIAH warmly welcomes the Text+ initiative within the NFDI project. It is essential to provide value to different stakeholders through the validation and sharing of data, services and tools; by providing training and education opportunities; by enabling 'bottom-up' organisation around emerging research needs; and through the exercise of foresight and policy engagement. Through several activities, DARIAH promotes the further development of research methods in the arts and humanities, documenting the state-of-the-art, supporting the preservation and curation of research data. Language- and text-based research data are also at the heart of DARIAH. It is essential to ensure that best practices, methodological and technical standards for research data management in the digital arts and humanities are followed: DARIAH believes that distributed infrastructures in support of scientific work

on language- and text-based research data can make a significant contribution to this goal and thus to the understanding of cultural, economic, social and political life in Europe and beyond.

We expressly support the efforts of Text+ to build and expand a comprehensive data and service portfolio and to establish a governance structure that intend to cooperate with European research infrastructures like DARIAH ERIC. We will encourage members of DARIAH ERIC to actively participate in the work of Text+, e.g. through membership in one of the Scientific Coordination Committees (SCC), which act as expert committees for the topics of the consortium. Our particular concern would be to ensure a smooth exchange of basic knowledge and best practice concerning tools and services for the digital arts and humanities between the DARIAH members on the one hand and the Text+ consortium on the other. DARIAH will also support the dissemination of the text+ mission among DARIAH members and is open to cooperation through conferences, summer schools, etc.

In view of what has been said, DARIAH strongly supports the application of the consortium Text+ within the scope of the NFDI.

With kind regards,



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