

Prof. Dr. Ulrike Demske
Im Hopfengarten 9
72076 Tübingen
Tel.: 07071-1355370

Prof. Dr. Erhard Hinrichs
Text+
Leibniz-Institut für Deutsche Sprache
R-5, 6-13
68161 Mannheim

September 9, 2020

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

Dear Professor Hinrichs,

acknowledging the urgent need to provide a national infrastructure for text- and language-based research data, the German Linguistic Society is strongly committed to support the NFDI Initiative **Text+**. In our understanding, such an infrastructure is much needed, because the ever-increasing amount of research data in various types of linguistic research projects as well as the technical requirements calls for a highly professional management on a national level in accordance with the FAIR principles. The two research data infrastructures CLARIN-D and DARIAH-DE provided a much appreciated starting point. Meanwhile the linguistic community had to admit that these infrastructures are way too small to cope with actual needs. As a matter of fact, the linguistic community asks for a single, national infrastructure which guarantees both the high quality of research data embedded therein and their straightforward retrieval for any user doing data-driven linguistic research.

The German Linguistic Society represents 1.200 linguistics in Germany and abroad. Many of its members are deeply involved with issues concerning collection, storage, maintenance and accessibility of research data. Therefore, we would like to express our strong interest in a close cooperation with the NFDI Initiative **Text+**. One particular interest would be to participate in building up the data and service portfolio, which we consider to be an iterative

process adapting the data and service folio to the ever-changing needs of our members as regards the different data types (i.e. digital collections, lexical resources, editions). To disseminate and firmly establish awareness regarding the support provided by **Text+** in all stages of data-driven projects among our members, we plan to set up a series of workshops preceding our annual conference. The workshops would be jointly organized by **Text+** and members of our society.

We are looking very much forward to a productive collaboration of the German Linguistic Society with **Text+** in the near future.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mike Jansche". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M" and "J".

(Chair of the German Linguistic Society)