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

Dear Professor Hinrichs,

Since 2016 the University and State Library of Münster has hosted the *Fachinformationsdienst Benelux / Low Countries Studies (Specialised Information Service Benelux / Low Countries Studies; for short: FID Benelux)* as part of the *Specialised Information Services Programme* funded by the *German Research Foundation (DFG)*.

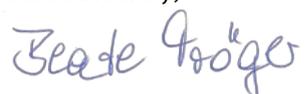
The multidisciplinary oriented *FID Benelux*, [www.fid-benelux.de](http://www.fid-benelux.de), is designed as a one-stop provider of scientifically relevant literature and information about the culture and society of the Benelux countries and research support services. The mission of the project is to combine a comprehensive range of scientific literature, information and advisory services with electronic value-added services that are closely geared to the needs of academic research. The project aims to provide services that take into account both existing and future research interests and that are able to respond flexibly and in a demand-driven way to current research questions.

*FID Benelux* is addressed to a scientific community in the humanities and social sciences for which research data such as language and text-based collections, lexical resources and editions are of great relevance. This includes researchers in the disciplines of Dutch philology as well as researchers in the disciplines of history, regional studies, politics, sociology, European ethnology and geography who have a special interest in the Netherlands, Belgium and/or Luxembourg.

The FID understands itself as an intermediary, bringing the topic of research data and the FAIR data principles to the community through (its) various information channels and in addition offering advice on questions relating to this subject. Therefore, a close affiliation and regular exchange with *Text+* is of great interest to us when it comes to receiving information from the *Text+* context and disseminating it to our target group. Furthermore, *FID Benelux* is happy to contribute data to planned *Text+* projects, such as

the curated index of editions, or to otherwise become involved in the *Text+* network. Collaborating and exchanging data with partners within and outside the FID system has always been a given for us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Beate Tröger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Beate Tröger  
– Director ULB Münster –

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