Interim report on the implementation of the User Involvement Committee Workplan 2020

# Enhancing outreach

## UIC Annual Meeting

* appoint members for each member or observer country, which is currently not the case. -> DONE (<https://www.clarin.eu/governance/user-involvement-committee>), though 6 are the same as NCF, would be ideal to share the duties
* UIC will propose a workplan for 2021. -> will be done before the annual conference
* UIC will organize a UIC Seminar -> on how to record instructional videos, suggestions on experts to do the seminar welcome

## CLARIN Ambassadors

* UIC will follow the activities of the CLARIN Ambassadors and look for possible synergies and collaboration opportunities -> Covid reality: CLARIN Café (<https://www.clarin.eu/content/clarin-café>) was launched (2 completed, 1 on-going)
* UIC will also nominate candidates for the additional 2 Ambassadors from disciplines that are strategic to CLARIN ERIC and are complementary with the existing Ambassadors -> TODO in 2nd half of 2020, suggestions welcome

## User Involvement Activities

* SSHOC webinars (2 from CLARIN experts, 2 in the pipeline: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCw-mY8v84yeHW2z4KG3ZLtA>)
* Funding of UI events (<https://www.clarin.eu/content/user-involvement-funding>) -> Covid reality: we warmly invite funding proposals for the preparation of virtual events and other creative formats that could contribute to the continued outreach to communities of us
* CLARIN Training Network Programme (<https://www.clarin.eu/content/funding-call-participation-clarin-trainer-network-programme>)
* CLARIN Training Suite (<https://www.clarin.eu/content/call-contributions-clarin-training-suite>)

## Tour de CLARIN

### Activities

* + <https://www.clarin.eu/tour-de-clarin>
  + periodic highlights UI activities of 6 national consortia (5 posts per consortium)
    - Norway (Jan&Feb)
    - UK (Feb&March) – interrupted after 1st post, no response
    - Germany (Apr&May)
    - Portugal (Jun&Jul)
  + periodic highlights UI activities of 6 K-Centres (2 posts per K-Centre)
    - Phonogrammarchiv (Jan&Feb)
    - ACE (March&April)
    - TRTC (May&Jun)

# Enhancing the usability of services

## CLARIN Resource and Tool Families

* checking the existing overviews in order to make sure they are up to date
  + summary report published with all the identified issues (<https://office.clarin.eu/v/CE-2018-1236-CLARIN-corpora-report-vol2.docx>)
* support surveys of 3 new resource families
  + academic texts corpora (<https://office.clarin.eu/v/CE-2020-1615-Academic-Corpora-ver2.pdf>)
  + reference corpora (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1NL6ZD7e-O7PvpTOPIXqFvFykHIyUJiSAc69Kfc9quK0/edit#gid=0>)
* support surveys of 3 new tool families
  + named entity recognition (<https://office.clarin.eu/v/CE-2020-1587-Tools-for-Named-Entity-Recognition.pdf>)
  + sentiment analysis (<https://office.clarin.eu/v/CE-2020-1640-sentiment-analysis.docx>)
  + taggers and lemmatizers (<https://office.clarin.eu/v/CE-2020-1641-taggers-lemmatizers.pdf>)
* encourage the national centres to improve the identified issues related to the quality of the metadata, findability and accessibility as well as a better user experience with searching and examining the resources
  + issues with broken links in all CLARIN Resource Families resolved (# of all links 1800, # of broken links 40, # of resolved issues 37)
  + metadata issues with all CLARIN Resource Families being added to GitHub (# issues: 400)
* encourage the authors of the identified existing valuable resources and tools which are not yet incorporated in the CLARIN infrastructure but have a big potential to be deposited with CLARIN
  + your help is needed here
* facilitate the dissemination and promotion of the initiative through academic, educational and outreach activities
  + on-going, your help is needed here
* collect showcases on the use of CLARIN Resource Families
  + starting soon, your help is needed here