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Letter of Support CLARIAH-PLUS proposal

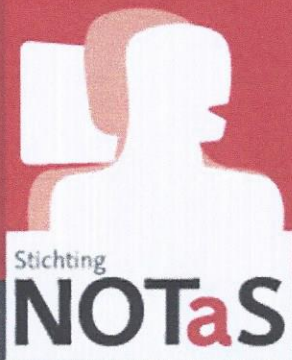
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With this letter Stichting NOTaS would like to indicate its support for the Digital Humanities' initiative 'Common Lab Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities PLUS' (CLARIAH-PLUS) within the framework of the National Roadmap for Large-scale Research Facilities in The Netherlands. This initiative is directly linked to the European-wide research infrastructures CLARIN (Common Language Resources and Technologies Infrastructure) and DARIAH (Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities) of ESFRI (European Strategy Forum for Research Infrastructures).

CLARIAH-PLUS builds further on the mission of CLARIAH (2015-2019): to enhance and support digitally enabled research in the humanities and social sciences at large. CLARIAH and CLARIAH-PLUS aim to develop and maintain a basic infrastructure in support of ICT-based research practices. CLARIAH-PLUS will integrate and expand the area of the earlier defined focus areas of Linguistics, Socio-Economic History and Media Studies and will further develop new technical, analytical and user-friendly applications for textual data sets. This mission is well aligned with the goals of Stichting NOTaS.

Stichting NOTaS represents research and application developers in the Language and Speech sector in the Netherlands. As the Dutch language is just a medium size language with respect to the number of speakers, it is important that the various players in the field (research , industry and government) join forces to ensure that the Dutch and the Dutch HLT industry act at the forefront of technological developments . For years, the Netherlands managed to be a relatively strong player in the field of both fundamental and applied research to HLT. NOTaS contributed to this achievement by bringing together researchers, developers and user groups from all parts of the HLT branch, and still does so.

Presently NOTaS represents 17 members (companies, research institutes and launching customers). They are specified at the member page of our website: <http://notas.nl/organisatie/deelnemers>



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CLARIAH-PLUS aims to build further on the construction and exploitation of the technical and human infrastructure to provide a sustainable and persistent Digital Humanities working environment. This infrastructure will provide researchers with a wide variety of resources and services, e.g. intelligent access methods for exploring resources and innovative ways of combining different resources into virtual collections, so that information hidden in unstructured textual and multimedia documents, in combination with structured databases with quantitative information, can be disclosed and analyzed. Interoperability of resources and services will be key for the infrastructure. The infrastructure will also be easy to use for non-technical researchers. By dissemination activities, educational programs and training sessions, a whole generation of researchers and students will acquaint themselves with new research methodologies. These methodologies offer the potential for groundbreaking research, creating an attractive scientific environment in the Netherlands that will attract top-researchers and students from abroad.

This objective is aligned with the aim of the (IT) industry to accelerate the innovation of its products and services through collaboration with public parties in many fields, from storage, information retrieval and data mining to graphics and multimedia and speech and language processing.

We expect that the development of the CLARIAH-PLUS infrastructure will facilitate and stimulate the exchange of knowledge, expertise, methodologies and practices between the Digital Humanities and the Dutch HLT industry.

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