

The background image shows the Delphi archaeological site in Greece. In the foreground, there are the stone remains of an ancient theater with tiered seating. Behind it, several standing columns of a temple are visible. The site is nestled in a valley, with steep, rocky mountains rising in the background under a cloudy sky. The overall tone is historical and majestic.

# Final Discussion: Planning Next Project

Delphi • Athens • Naxos

Our Goal: Define the Program and the Platform.



# The Journey

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**Delphi 2025**

Strategic Vision



**Athens 2026**

Testing & Pilots



**Naxos 2026**

Training New Scholars

*We are moving from theoretical planning to concrete execution steps.*



# The Division of Labor

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## Athens Lab (NKUA)

Handles administrative coordination.

Manages legal and bureaucratic paperwork.

Maintains infrastructure.



## Partners

Focus on research & expertise.

Execute data analysis.

Drive scientific content.



# Your Input: Roles

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*"Does this division of labor work for your institution?"*

*"Are there administrative hurdles we haven't considered?"*

*We need to ensure the proposed structure aligns with your institutional realities.*



# One Joint Platform

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## Data

Centralized Text  
Repository &  
Manuscript Archives.



## Tools

Standardized  
Annotation Suite &  
Analysis Software.



## Forum

Idea Exchange, Draft  
Review & Project  
Comms.

*A centralized system reduces data loss and version conflicts.*



# Platform Specifics

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## Data Repositories

- ✓ TEI-compliant XML storage.
- ✓ High-res manuscript image hosting.
- ✓ Version-controlled editing.

## Analysis Tools

- ✓ Treebanking software integration.
- ✓ Automated morphology tagging.
- ✓ Visualizing dialect geography.

*The platform will support the entire lifecycle of digital philology.*



# Your Input: Tech Stack

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- ✓ Do you prefer GitHub, Slack, or a Custom Web Tool?
- ✓ What technical barriers do your teams face?
- ✓ Which existing tools must we integrate?

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*User adoption depends on selecting tools that fit your current workflows.*



# Roadmap: Year 1 (2026)

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**Jan 2026**

**Define Grant Strategy**  
(Preparation Phase)



**April 2026**

**Athens Spring Meeting**  
(Setup & Testing)



**July 2026**

**Naxos Summer School**  
(PhD Training)

*Early alignment on infrastructure prevents delays in the later research phases.*



# Your Input: The Schedule

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- ✓ Are the April (Athens) & July (Naxos) dates feasible?
- ✓ Are there conflicts with other major conferences?
- ✓ Can your PhD students attend the summer school?

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*Synchronizing our calendars now avoids low attendance at key events.*



# The Path to 2027

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## Stepping Stones

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- ✓ Secure National Seed Grants.
- ✓ Release Pilot Corpus (Beta).
- ✓ Host Methodology Workshop.

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*Achieving these minor milestones builds the track record needed for the ERC application.*



# Ultimate Goal (2027)

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€10M

ERC Synergy Grant

Targeting a 6-year funding cycle.

## Athens Lab Role

We lead the legal and bureaucratic paperwork.

We ensure compliance with EU standards.

*A centralized administrative push maximizes our chances of success.*



# Your Input: Funding

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*"Who will lead the national seed grant applications in your country?"*

*"Which local foundations should we target first?"*

*Diversifying our initial funding sources creates stability before the big grant.*



# Target Content

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## Ancient Sources

Homer, Papyri &  
Scholia.

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## Byzantine

Hagiography &  
Liturgical Texts.

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## Modern

Translations & Literary  
works.

*A diverse initial corpus tests the robustness of our annotation protocols.*



# Your Input: Priorities

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*"Which specific text corpus is essential for your research?"*

*"What major tradition is missing from our list?"*

*Your specific research needs should drive the prioritization of text ingestion.*



# Working Group Structure

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## Data & Content

- ✓ **WG1: Text Collection**
- ✓ **WG2: Annotation Standards**

## Technology

- ✓ **WG3: Platform Development**
- ✓ **WG4: Analysis Tools**

## Outreach

- ✓ **WG5: Dissemination**
- ✓ **WG6: Education & Training**

*Small, focused groups allow for faster decision-making and progress.*



# Your Input: Nominations

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*"Who from your institution is best suited to lead a Working Group?"*

*"Can you commit a liaison to sit on the Steering Committee?"*

*Active leadership from all partners is required for distributed success.*



# Naxos Summer School

July 5-16, 2026

Training the next generation in Diachronic Corpus Methods.



# Immediate Actions

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- ✓ Before Jan 31: Nominate Working Group Reps.
- ✓ Complete: The "Capabilities" Survey.
- ✓ Confirm: Attendance for Athens Spring Meeting.

*Your early engagement helps shape the direction of our shared governance.*



# Open Floor

Let's finalize the plan.

We welcome all alternative perspectives to ensure a robust final agreement.



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