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The Project TextGrid - TextGrid

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TextGrid is a joint project of ten partners, funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) for the period from June 2012 to May 2015 (reference number: 01UG1203A).

Answering an increasing demand for digital and collective research features in the humanities, TextGrid has, since its start in 2006, established the infrastructure for a respective virtual research environment. In continuous exchange with the scientific community, TextGrid has developed a variety of tools and services available for free download in a stable version. Together with the TextGrid Repository, the virtual research environment TextGrid offers scholars in the humanities sustainable editing, storing and publishing of their data in a thoroughly tested and safe environment.

In summer 2011, the first stable version 1.0 was downloadable, followed by version 2.0 in May 2012. During the third funding period (2012-2015) the project focussed on establishing a sustainable continuous service: software, archive, and the whole variety of services offered have been

put on a sound basis in collaboration with users, scholars, and discipline specific associations and in cooperation with [DARIAH-DE](#).

A summarizing overview of the background, project periods, and future perspectives is presented in the article "[TextGrid - Eine Geschichte](#)", which was published 2015 in the anthology "[TextGrid: Von der Community - für die Community. Eine Virtuelle Forschungsumgebung für die Geisteswissenschaften.](#)"

Target groups

- **scholars** of the Arts and Humanities using TextGrid for their research projects

- **developers** adapting TextGrid tools and services for specific scholarly needs

- **academic institutions** (e.g. archives, libraries) storing data in TextGrid or linking data to own data bases

The vision of a digital ecosystem is based on the open source idea, allowing free exchange of tools and data, whereby adaptation concerning discipline-specific needs is made possible. Researchers from a wide range of humanistic disciplines such as philology, linguistics, art history, Classics and musicology are actively working with TextGrid.