

Following the successful completion of the DARIAH preparatory phase project in February 2011, DARIAH has moved into the *transition phase*. During the *transition phase*, DARIAH will submit an application to the European Commission to establish a [European Research Infrastructure Consortium \(ERIC\)](#).

This legal framework will facilitate the long-term sustainability of DARIAH.

To prepare for submitting the ERIC application, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which enables countries to formally express interest in participating in DARIAH as member, observer or cooperating partner, has been signed by 14 countries and institutions.

These are Austria, Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Vilnius University, The Netherlands, Serbia, Slovenia and the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences.

DARIAH is working together with institutions in several European countries.