

Work package 4 – Financial work

The general objective is to define a sustainable business model for DARIAH that allows for the provision of long-term services. The business model also needs to ensure the adaptability to new user needs and technological developments. There are two complementary activities:

1) Designing cost models:

- Identifying stable costs, fluctuating costs and investments within DARIAH,
- Designing a cost model for fluctuating costs that can be acknowledged by funding agencies, and
- Developing exit strategies for the long-term preservation of data in case the infrastructure comes to an end (in collaboration, in particular, with national libraries)

2) Designing funding models:

- Designing a sustainable mixed funding model that includes in-house funding, national contributions, sponsorship, partnership services and commercial services,
- Identifying the possibility for commercial third parties to develop their own overlay services on top of the DARIAH architecture,
- Developing a schema for new countries to join-in (franchise), and
- Exploring e-Infrastructure models.

The aim is to gain financial commitment from all EU-member states.