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Welcome to the second edition of the DARIAH *Transition Bulletin*. This regular bulletin is designed to keep our partners informed about the latest developments during the transition phase of DARIAH.

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Important Dates

- [DARIAH-EU] DARIAH-ERIC Application Steering Committee meeting, Bonn, Oct 2011
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DARIAH-EU Coordination Office (DCO)

The **DARIAH-EU Coordination Office (DCO)** is pleased to announce that since the last edition of the *DARIAH Transition Bulletin*, 3 new countries: **Austria**, **Denmark** and **Lithuania** have signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) formally expressing their interest in participating in DARIAH. **Austria** and **Denmark** participate as members of DARIAH and **Lithuania** has signed as a cooperating partner. This brings the total to 12 member countries for the submission of the ERIC (European Research Infrastructure Consortium) application.

The **DARIAH-EU Coordination Office (DCO)** would like to thank all those countries who provided feedback on the draft DARIAH-ERIC Statutes. A final version, incorporating all the feedback, will be produced for the **DARIAH-ERIC Application Steering Committee meeting** in Bonn in autumn.

The second face-to-face meeting of the DARIAH **Transitional Government**, which has been established to manage and coordinate the *DARIAH* transition phase, took place in Berlin on 10 June. Key topics discussed included: the DARIAH-ERIC application timeline and initial preparations for the DARIAH-ERIC Application Steering Committee meeting to be held in Bonn in October 2011.

Planning is underway for a **DARIAH-ERIC Application Steering Committee meeting** which is scheduled to take place in Bonn in Autumn 2011. The purpose of this meeting will be for

Ministry Representatives and DARIAH National Roadmap Coordinators of DARIAH partner countries to undertake a final validation of the key documents for the DARIAH ERIC application. An invitation to the meeting will be sent during the summer.

The **second ministerial meeting** for the preparation of the ERIC application took place on 23 June at the Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche (MESR) in Paris. Representatives from the French, German and Dutch ministries and key DARIAH representatives were present at the meeting. The main topic of discussion was the preparation of the DARIAH-ERIC application, including the DARIAH-ERIC Statutes and the DARIAH Technical and Scientific Description.

Earlier this summer, we asked DARIAH partners to vote on a short-list of designs for the new **DARIAH logo**. We are pleased to announce that a new **DARIAH logo**, which appears at the top of this *Transition Bulletin*, has been selected. Each country within the DARIAH network will use their country letters, e.g. DARIAH-DE, DARIAH-FR, DARIAH-NL, in addition to DARIAH-EU for Europe. The new logo will be used as the basis of the design for the new DARIAH website.

With many thanks to our colleagues in Denmark, the [DARIAH-EU website](#) has been updated with information about the latest developments in DARIAH, including the move to the *transition phase*, the *European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) Application* and the latest information about which countries have signed the DARIAH Memorandum of Understanding. **The DARIAH-EU Coordination Office** will continue to update the existing website until the new website is ready. Over the summer, the DARIAH-EU Coordination Office will receive technical support for setting up the new website. Our goal is to publish the new website in the autumn.

Virtual Competency Centres (VCCs)

The work of DARIAH will be carried out within the Virtual Competency Centres. Each VCC, *Infrastructure (VCC1)*, *Research and Education liaison (VCC2)*, *Scholarly content management (VCC3)* and *Advocacy, impact and outreach (VCC4)* will be chaired by one or more DARIAH-member country and be headed by named individuals from member institutions in that country. A VCC Coordination document is currently being prepared to map the contributions promised by DARIAH members and identify where further expertise is needed. Over the summer, the DARIAH-EU Coordination Office will contact each of DARIAH partners to gather information about the National Roadmaps.

DARIAH Partner News

DARIAH-DE: Göttingen Centre for Digital Humanities (GCDH) launched

In the company of over 200 guests the [Göttingen Centre for Digital Humanities](#) and [TextGrid 1.0](#), a networked research environment, were formally launched. A series of digital humanities workshops with topics including text-mining, linked data and the digital library followed the festivities. [A video of the day](#) will be available shortly.

DARIAH-IE: Launch of a new online gateway to Irish cultural artefacts

[DHO: Discovery](#), Ireland's new online gateway to Irish digital collections and resources has been [launched](#). Providing access to over 6,000 digital artefacts, [DHO: Discovery](#), allows users to discover a range of resources including images of art, music and voice recordings, letters, maps, drawings and more, from collections at higher education and cultural institutions.

DARIAH-related activities**Demonstrating Impact of Research Infrastructures workshop, Brussels, 15 June 2011**

The 5th European Research Infrastructures workshop took place in the beautiful setting of *Le Palais des Académies* in Brussels. During the workshop several European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) projects presented their approaches to measuring impact. The outcomes of this meeting will assist VCC4 Advocacy, impact and outreach (VCC4) in developing ways to measure DARIAH's impact.

From Metadata to Linked Data, Dublin, 4-8 July 2011

The Digital Humanities Observatory and Trinity College Dublin's five day summer school, '[From Metadata to Linked Data](#)', took place at Trinity College Dublin in July. The summer school brought together a group of interdisciplinary experts, including DARIAH's Tobias Blanke, to explore solutions to distant reading. Workshop sessions included: *Introduction to Markup and Metadata*, *From Text to Textual Data*, *Generating Textual Data* and *Linked Data, Ontology and RDF*.

Digital.Humanities@Oxford Summer School, Oxford, 25 - 29 July 2011

The [Digital.Humanities@Oxford Summer School](#), is a five day course to introduce a range of digital research components to researchers, project managers, research assistants or students working on any kind of project concerned with the creation or management of digital data for the humanities.

Supporting Digital Humanities 2011, Copenhagen, 17 – 18 November 2011

Following the success of [SDH 2010](#), [CLARIN](#) and [DARIAH](#) will jointly organise the second SDH conference, to be held at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. The conference will be a forum for discussing the potential of digital technologies for humanities research. Further information is available on the [SDH 2011 conference website](#).

Feedback?

Would you like to comment on, contribute to, or unsubscribe from the *DARIAH Transition Bulletin*? Then, please contact us at the **DARIAH-EU Coordination Office**: dariah-dco@dariah.eu.