Session 4:
News from the Language Communities

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http://www.european-language-grid.eu
Objectives (Selection)

1. Establish the ELG as the primary Language Technology platform and market place in Europe to tackle the fragmentation of the European LT landscape.

2. ELG as a platform for commercial and non-commercial, industry-related LTs, both functional and non-functional.

3. Enable the European LT community to upload services and data sets into the ELG, to deploy them and to connect with, and make use of those resources made available by others.

4. Enable businesses to grow and benefit from scaling up.

5. Unleash enormous potential for innovation.
ELG National Competence Centres and European LT Council

32 National Competence Centres (NCCs)

- International network of national networks to broaden ELG’s reach, identify content for ELG and interest companies in ELG.
- All academic (some gov.) organisations and, hence, neutral.
- Criteria: participation in local initiatives; connections to industry.
- Subcontracts signed with most NCCs.
- Tasks: national bridge to the ELG; organise regional/national ELG workshops; desk research (companies, services etc.)
- **Main goal**: support the mission of the ELG project.

European LT Council (LTC)

- Pan-European body, in which strategic LT-related matters can be discussed and coordinated.
- **Main goal**: represent and support European LT community.
ELG National Competence Centres: Activities

All 32 NCCs presented on the ELG website – https://www.european-language-grid.eu/ncc/

Activities:

- Function as the national bridge to the ELG project and platform
- Organise one or more regional/national ELG workshop(s)
  - Several have already taken place – all of them virtually
- Distribute ELG dissemination material (posters, roll-ups, merchandise etc.)
- Promote ELG through participation in regional or national conferences or other events
- Desk research and information gathering
- Joint publications (LREC 2020 paper on Multilingual Europe and language-centric AI)

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