Session 7: Sustainability of European LT Projects

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The six funded Projects in Call ICT-29b

1. **Gourmet**
   - Global Under Resourced Media Translation

2. **European Live Translator**
   - Bergamot – Browser-based Multilingual Translation

3. **Cross-Lingual Embeddings for Less-Represented Languages in European News Media**
   - Ready-to-use Multilingual Linked Language Data for Knowledge Services across Sectors

4. **COMPRISIE**
   - Cost-Effective, Multilingual, Privacy-driven, Voice-enabled Services

5. **Prêt-à-LLOD**
Cooperation with the European Language Grid

• Delivering results of the projects (data, software, services) to ELG, so that they are hosted on a sustainable platform
  • Building on containerization technologies (in particular, Docker)
• Data, software and services hosted by ELG are made available for current and new projects to come and can be further enriched
  • Towards a cyclic development of language data, tools and services, supported by the ELG platform
• Developing jointly an infrastructure for metadata management: the META-SHARE/ELG/LD4LT Community Group/Prêt-à-LLOD/metadata ontology
  • https://github.com/ld4lt/metashare
Sustainability Strategies of the ICT-29 b) Projects

• Integrating results (data, software, services) in products of participating industrial partners
  • But also addressing the market at large
• Releasing easy-to-use interfaces for quick integration by application developers
• Commitment to release code through open-sourcing and making the code available in public repositories
• Implementing management features (infrastructure monitoring, user management, usage reports, etc.) in platforms resulting from the projects – this also in close collaboration with ELG, in case the results of the projects are handed over to ELG
  • So, for example, Prêt-à-LOD is delivering services to ELG but at the same time contributing to the Linguistic Linked Open Data cloud (https://linguistic-lod.org).
• Contributing to and complying with standards in the fields of LRs, LTs and related fields
  • ISO, W3C, OASIS and de-facto or community standards
• Including topics of the projects in teaching material, disseminating beyond the small circle of specialist – aiming at public engagement
Specific Sustainability Strategy of Prêt-à-LLOD

• Prêt-à-LLOD is tackling sustainability in the context of linguistic data through the development of new technologies built on the linked open data stack.

• The specific technological contribution of Prêt-à-LLOD consists of developing tools to combine language services and resources into complex pipelines by use of semantic technologies. This leads to sustainable data offers and services that can be deployed to many platforms, among others ELG and LLOD cloud, and can be self-described with linked data semantics.

• The project developed an approach for ensuring that data remains documented through the LingHub platform (a semantic metadata integrator and browser)
  • Goal: ensure that data remains documented and usable, recognizing that digital obsolescence is not only due to the unavailability of resources but also the ability of tools to process legacy data formats
  • Further, the project is investigating the use of a peer-to-peer decentralized storage infrastructure using the Inter Planetary File System (IPFS) to ensure and improve access to Linked Data.
  • It is envisioned that these technologies can help develop open, sustainable science, not just for linguistics and artificial intelligence but also expanding to other disciplines.
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Thank you!

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