META-FORUM 2020
The Second Annual ELG Conference
Closing Session

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Virtual Project Expo

• Four dedicated virtual project expo sessions
• A total of 35 projects present themselves, most of them EU-funded
• Each project was assigned a time slot and Zoom channel.
• The virtual project expo is supposed to work exactly like a physical one
• Everybody is invited to join the expo/project booths they are interested in
• All project teams have prepared materials
• Please simply join the Zoom channels of the projects you are interested in one after the other and engage with the project teams
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• The first virtual META-FORUM.
• Adapted format: shorter sessions, half-day programme only, stretched over three days.
• Emphasis on the important core aspects and the project expo.
• Almost 500 registered participants.
• ... we have to check how many unique Zoom users we had.
• Despite some technical hiccups we’ve received very good feedback
• The whole ELG team is very happy!
Europe’s wider Multilingual Europe Community

• There’s a lot of traction now, both on the international level and also on the level of at least some countries, see Iceland, Finland, Denmark etc.

• There’s a chance for new opportunities in Horizon Europe and Digital Europe.

• Big challenge: how to collaborate between EU/EC and the different countries/regions?

• Countries should concentrate on getting national/regional funding programmes that exclusively support the development of technologies for their language – ELE will help.

• Scientists want to compete with their colleagues on an international level so many are incentivised to work on English. This needs to change.

• Coordination should happen on the international level – ELG & ELE will help.

• ELG and ELE will help establish the bridge, both the technology platform with its services and data sets and also the LT Council including the NCCs.
European Language Grid – Next Steps

- ELG platform: massive extension in terms of features, services, resources, organisations
- ELG project was extended by six months due to Covid-19 – ELG to end in June 2022
- Evaluation of proposals and selection of Open Call #2 pilots – projects to start in 2021
- Start of the ELE project
- Release 2 of the ELG platform (February/March 2021)
- Further building of the ELG community including industry and research (ELG Roadshow)
- Opening up the ELG platform for services and resources provided by third parties
- Release 3 of the ELG platform (early 2022)
- Sustainability of the ELG initiative: further elaboration of the legal entity
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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
All presenters
All participants of panel discussions
All participants of the conference

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE WHOLE ELG TEAM!
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Thank you, stay healthy – and see you in 2021!

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