CLARIN is a pan-European research infrastructure aiming to render accessible all digital language resources and tools from all over Europe through a single sign-on online environment. [https://www.clarin.eu/portal](https://www.clarin.eu/portal)

The CLARIN infrastructure:

- supports the sharing, the use and the sustainability of digital language data – corpora and lexical resources
- offers advanced NLP tools to discover, explore, exploit, annotate, analyze and combine language data
- provides data depositing services (FAIR repositories)
- gives access to top level expertise in language sciences
- provides funding opportunities
- offers research support and training possibilities

CLARIN is a networked federation of centers – academic and research institutions that provide the scientific community access to resources, services and knowledge on a sustainable basis. Centers may be: 1) data repositories, 2) service and data sharing centers or 3) knowledge and expertise centers.

Currently, 26 countries are members of CLARIN. Several Swiss academic institutions have joined forces to apply for Swiss membership. As a first step in this direction, they founded the CLARIN-CH Consortium.

**CLARIN Switzerland**

The mission of the CLARIN-CH Consortium is to:

- give Swiss researchers access to CLARIN resources, tools and services
- bring the Swiss linguistics community together
- foster the sharing of resources and initiate national and international collaborations

The founding members of CLARIN-CH are:

- Swiss Academy of Human and Social Sciences
- University of Bern
- University of Lausanne
- University of Lugano
- University of Neuchâtel
- University of Zurich
- Zurich University of Applied Science

Negotiations are currently under way with other Swiss academic institutions.

In terms of CLARIN centers, the CLARIN-CH network will provide the European research community:

- One service and data sharing center i.e. the national LiRI infrastructure, located at UZH
- Several knowledge and expertise centers, located at the other Swiss universities and research institutes

As such, each Swiss research team will be integrated in local centers, as well as in the national and international CLARIN network.

**Benefits for the Swiss members of CLARIN**

- Increased international visibility for Swiss corpus-based projects, corpora and linguistic databases, tools and infrastructure
- International standards and interoperability in the construction of national databases and infrastructure
- Involvement in European infrastructure programs and flagship-projects in linguistics and NLP
- Support for networking, documentation, and assistance in writing project proposals provided by the central office and the CLARIN members
- Cost reductions - by sharing resources internationally at the level of CLARIN, the effective costs invested by the member countries for creating linguistic databases and developing annotation and query tools are diminished
- European funding for training and scientific events for sharing technical expertise and know-how in building the CLARIN infrastructure and for reinforcing international collaborations
- Access to CLARIN’s knowledge infrastructure, which secures a continuous transfer of knowledge and expertise between all members

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