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# Subject │ Minutes of the WG general meeting of COST Action IS1305 “European Network of e-Lexicography (ENeL)”

**at EURAC, Viale Druso, 1, 39100 Bolzano / Bozen – Italy**

**on 19 July 2014, from 17h00 till 18h30**

1. **Welcome to participants**

Martin EVERAERT (chair of COST Action **IS1305**) opens the meeting and welcomes the participants. This general meeting is meant to talk to each other and to update all participants on the activities of the different working groups.

Martin EVERAERT outlines a call for Horizon 2020 which was brought to his attention by Simon KREK. We would fit in the call for INFRAIA-1-2014/2015. However, the deadline is 2 September 2014. Simon KREK will do his best to write a proposal.

The relationship to CLARIN is discussed and requires further attention.

This is also a small reminder that the Steering Group will do their best to apply for further funding.

1. **Summary of the four WG meetings**

**WG1** summarised by Anne DYKSTRA. WG1 discussed how a ‘scholarly dictionary’ can be defined. The discussion will be continued by email. Participants are asked to send definitions to Anne DYKSTRA. The goal is a working definition of what a ‘scholarly dictionary’ is.

In the context of WG1, an STSM will create an inventory of dictionaries in September 2014, hosted by Vera Hildenbrandt in Trier. They propose a second STSM to create an inventory of existing dictionary portals. They are still looking for a host for this STSM.

The importance of intergroup communication is stressed. The website is for outreach and we currently use google mailing lists for intergroup communication. We need to decide whether this is sufficient or whether something else (e.g. repository for documents) is needed.

**WG2** summarised by Vera HILDENBRANDT. In WG2 organisational matters were stressed. The general opinion was that more time was needed for discussions.

Martin EVERAERT says that the SG has decided to have more WG meetings separate from the MC meeting. Members have to be assigned to one WG, but they can subscribe to all.

WG2 also discussed its output:

* guidelines on workflow
* best practices – it still has to be decided how can this best be realised, by means of examples? including little biographies of dictionaries?
* training materials.

Martin EVERAERT stresses that publications are important for COST. It is better to not only give a training school, but to also use the material as a deliverable. However, we need to check exactly on what we are allowed to do.

It was noted that only 9 of the 29 members of WG2 were present in Bolzano as most of them could not stay any longer in Bolzano after a long conference such as EURALEX.

**WG3** summarised by Simon KREK. In WG3 the workflow of corpus-based lexicography was discussed in 16 contributions. Following the Bolzano meeting, Simon KREK will do an STSM in Bolzano hosted by Andrea ABEL to prepare a questionnaire on Dictionary Writing Systems and Corpus Query Systems for the January meeting of WG3.

Three meetings are planned till January 2016: one in January/February 2015 in Vienna, one in conjunction with eLex in August 2015 in the UK and one in January 2016.

Martin EVERAERT refers to the topic of EURALEX and asks if the user is sufficiently in focus. Simon KREK answers that in the context of WG3, the users are on the one hand, NLP people who need lexicographic data and on the other hand lexicographers who need NLP data and that the aim is to bridge the gap between those two. The general user will be addressed in the second part of the COST Action, by topics such as visualisation and design.

Jens ERLANDSEN summarises the two problems that all projects which were discussed at the WG3 meeting seem to face:

1. What happens to the project after the end of the project, the afterlife? What is produced is not a piece of paper, but an online resource which does not exist by itself.
2. Staff requirements and computer resources are generally underestimated. Most projects last three years and have 3-7 people working on them. This puts limitations on what you can do. Therefore it would be advisable to coordinate information on software use.

**WG4** is summarised by Eveline Wandl-Vogt. In WG4 four working areas have been defined: Eurolinguistics, European Cultural Studies, (Meta-)Lexicography and Digital Humanities. Task groups are going to be defined and they are preparing an STSM.

At the meeting, there were 12 contributions to guide the discussion. The importance of organisational and time matters was also discussed. WG4 would like more time in the WGs to discuss funding proposals.

1. **Closing**

Martin EVERAERT closes the meeting at 18h30.