DARIAH ERIC
3rd Call for Projects for DARIAH Working Groups (2021-2023)

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DARIAH ERIC is glad to introduce its third call for projects dedicated - and open only - to the DARIAH Working Groups (WG).
The call acknowledges the strategic role of Working Groups in DARIAH, which represent - according to the *Strategic Plan* 2019-2026 - one of the four pillars of the DARIAH activities.

Timeline and important dates

● Submission deadline: November 29, 2021 via https://dariah-wg-2021.sciencescall.org

● Decisions authorising funding will be announced no later than December 23, 2021

● Signature of WG Grant Agreements between DARIAH ERIC and the budget holding institution

● Transfer of the grant after signature of the Grant Agreement

● Successful applicants may begin to spend their award after signature of the Grant Agreement

● Project activities should be carried out not later than 30th May 2023

● Presentation of the project results during the DARIAH Annual Event 2023

● The final activity and financial reports must be submitted to the CIO team two months after the presentation of the granted project at the DARIAH Annual Event 2023.

DARIAH ERIC
Funding Programme for Working Group Activities
TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Goals of the Funding Scheme for Working Group Activities

Funding allocated under this scheme is intended to support the activities of established DARIAH Working Groups that are currently active. It intends to offer practical support for their programmes, encouraging Working Groups to put forward innovative ideas, run initial programmes, and build up capacity to suggest new services or help develop and sustain existing ones.

2. Funded activities

In light of the above goals, the scheme is being run against the four DARIAH strategic pillars[1]:

- **Marketplace** to facilitate fluid exchange of tools, services, data and knowledge
- Access to **education and training**
- Working Groups, Hubs and other forms of Transnational and Transdisciplinary organisation (**Community Formation**)
- Bridges between research policy and communities of practice (**Advocacy and Impact**)

Given the interrelated nature of the DARIAH research communities, more than one of the above themes may be referenced in any bid.

Grants will be issued up to a **maximum of €5.000 per WG,** for activities carried out from the signature of the Grant Agreement by both parties and until 30 May 2023. Two (or more) Working Groups can also apply for a joint project and request a funding grant of **up to €10.000.** The overall budget available in this call is €40.000.

ACTIVITIES eligible for consideration develop around the following areas:

1. **Events**
   Events can take the form of online or face to face events. Conferences/seminars/ Webinars/workshops/ Lectures/ hackathons/ editathons are a few examples of event formats. The proposed event will develop around the research field of your Working Group - to disseminate recent outputs or to create new ones.

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[1] For a detailed description of the DARIAH Strategic Pillars check the Strategic Plan:
https://www.dariah.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Strategic-Plan_2019-2026.pdf

2. **Development of Training material**

   Training resources can take many forms. For example, you may choose to develop a short course or module based on your working group's area of expertise that could be aimed at an under-represented community. Equally, training materials could include any workshops you may host, videos of presentations, or guides to any tools you produce as a result of the funding you receive.

   You will be required to publish the training resources or event outputs developed as a result of this funding on [DARIAH-Campus](#) within 6 months of the end of the funding. Therefore, if your funding application is successful you are strongly encouraged to get in touch with the Training and Education Officer ([vicky.garnett@dariah.eu](#)) on the best way to do this.

3. **Policies, Best Practices, Case Studies on Open Science in the Arts and Humanities**

   The call welcomes any kinds of contributions to the open research culture in the Arts and Humanities, including but not restricted to:
   - Developing, sustaining, enriching or building communities around open source research tools and virtual research environments
   - Experimenting with innovative open publishing and reviewing methods (e.g. the integration of Jupiter Notebooks; or experiments around reproducibility, reusability)
   - Work on standardization protocols, open research workflows
   - Addressing barriers to the open sharing of digital scholarly objects (data, papers, tools etc.) in Arts and Humanities
   - Cross-sector collaborations with Cultural heritage institutions and data centers (e.g. improving access to primary sources)
   - Increasing the visibility of lesser resourced languages and communities in Digital humanities

   You are very welcome to contact [erzsebet.toth-czifra@dariah.eu](#) with any questions, ideas, suggestions concerning the openness dimension of your proposal.

4. **Connect to new communities of practices**

   Projects submitted in this category by the DARIAH working groups may involve research partners (e.g. other Research Infrastructures, academic stakeholders) as well as non-academic partners like private (e.g. startups, companies etc...), public partners (local stakeholder groups, citizens, municipalities etc…) or other types of partners such as foundations or NGOs.

   Granted projects in this category envision cross collaborations between the DARIAH community and other communities that are normally not connected to it, by leveraging on their mutual strengths. Examples of interesting communities of practices to connect to are (but not limited to): health, environment, life sciences, architecture, AI, design.

   Activities proposed in this category can take different forms. Examples are (but not limited to): workshops, white papers, presentations, publications, proof of concept, tools.
   If you wish to apply for funding in this category, please get in touch with the DARIAH Integration

officer (francesca.morselli@dariah.eu).

5. **Tools and Services**

   Two lines of work can be considered for projects submitted in this category:

   - Contributions to the SSH Open Marketplace: create new workflows or improve the contextualisation of already existing DARIAH services or tools in the SSH Open Marketplace. Contextualisation between items in the SSH Open Marketplace is one of the added value of this discovery portal, and thanks to your expertise, as Working Group, you can help creating relations between items, or even better, creating new workflows (a research workflow is a sequence of steps to describe a digital research method (comparable to 'recipes' in methodi.ca and 'scenarios' in the SSK).

   - Creation, consolidation or developing sustainability plans for existing DARIAH services and tools. The aim here is to identify one or more gaps for existing DARIAH services or tools and to address them (i.e. bring more visibility, use by a different/wider community, new fonction, etc.) in liaison with the service provider(s) and the related National Coordinators (to ensure their declaration as In-Kind Contribution).

     Do not hesitate to contact laure.barbot@dariah.eu with any questions related to this funding category.

3. Evaluation Criteria

Each proposal will be evaluated by two reviewers from the DARIAH SMT, JRC or DCO not related to the project or the project leader to avoid conflicts of interest.

3.1 Quality and impact of the work proposed (weight: 40%)

Evidence will be sought of how the project will:

● Be original and innovative and contribute to new research or advance new research methodologies;

● Impact on the WG's development, in terms of the WG's audiences and development to date;

● Engage in collaborative work with relevant members of the DARIAH central team and/or parties such as related projects or cooperating partners;

● Represent DARIAH and the WG's activities more widely in society, such as through a clearly delineated public engagement or by connecting to private stakeholders.

3.2 Implementation: feasibility in terms of planning, output and budget (weight: 30%)

The implementation and feasibility of the project is evaluated against the following criteria:

● list of planned activities

● list of expected outcomes

● breakdown of the costs as provided in section III of the Application Form

● 'value for money' will be an assessment criterion, so we particularly encourage applicants to consider and justify their costs carefully

The planning of the activities should be timely and realistic, and any milestones and project outcomes should be clearly described. The budget (see also section 5) needs to be detailed and well-balanced, and all expenses should have a clear relation to the project's main goals.

3.3 Fit between the work proposed and the DARIAH Strategic Plan (weight: 30%)
Project proposals are expected to make a relevant contribution to the development of DARIAH as a whole, in line with the strategic development of DARIAH as an ERIC. The proposed projects will therefore also be evaluated against their fit to the Strategic Plan: https://www.dariah.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Strategic-Plan_2019-2026.pdf

In particular, in the evaluation of applications, any practical commitments to the open research culture, such as the use of open workflows, open standards, open source environments, making outputs openly accessible also in terms of multilingualism, reusing and building on top of already existing resources, blogging and aiming for rich documentation will be an advantage.

4. Eligibility of Applications

4.1 Applications are invited on behalf of one of the **established DARIAH Working Groups**, and are normally submitted by one of the Working Group's coordinators. Although bids may be consortial (e.g. collaborations between two or more Working Groups, or external partners), one individual (a DARIAH Working Group coordinator) must be named as project lead, and be accountable for financial and technical reporting.

4.2 Each Working Group can apply as lead applicant once per grant round only. In addition to acting as the main applicant, the Working Group may be a partner in one or more other applications.

4.3 WGs must be able to evidence, at the time of application, recent activity and integration with DARIAH.

5. Budgets

The budget available under this programme can be used for activities carried out from the signature of the Grant Agreement by both parties and until 30 May 2023.
The budgets need to be thoroughly justified, detailed and realistic. Budgets that are vague or notional will impact adversely both upon the evaluation of the application as a whole, and upon the level of funding granted to a successful application. The funding could either be used as a stand-alone grant or as matching funding.

Budget Guidelines

Each proposal will come with a detailed budget proposal also subject for evaluation (see 3.2.). In the case a proposal is approved, a grant agreement will be signed between DARIAH and the institution of the WG member leading the grant application. The WG member leading the grant application must ensure that his or her institution has full legal capacity to sign the grant agreement and accepts the responsibility to administer the grant. Allocation of funds will have to comply with the budget principles of this institution, but will be cross-checked by DARIAH. (see Funding Grant Agreement).

● **Research and Development activities:** The granted budget can be used to cover the expenses related to hiring temporary research or professional expertise (e.g., a research assistant, designer or developer for a specific task related to the research proposal). Staff exchange and internships (lab visit, temporary delegation, see COST Short-Term-Scientific Missions as examples) can also be funded. Conflicts of interests, such as personal or familial relationships with personnel must be declared and may result in exclusion.

● **Conferences/seminars/workshops/lecture series:** Travel costs for invited speakers are covered. The same holds for local organisations. Please note that travel to the DARIAH Annual Event 2022 cannot be covered using this grant - a specific *WG travel Envelope* will be available for that purpose.
Travel funds should not be used for ordinary WG meetings, but instead should be clearly related to the submitted research proposal. Flights must be economy class. Travel bookings must be made well in advance of the date of the event to secure the best value possible. Please ensure that speakers are aware that if they book their own flights they will not be reimbursed until the travel has been completed. Hotel accommodation costs vary greatly depending on the location of the hotel you are booking and the date of the stay, weekends for example are often more expensive than weekdays.

● **Promotional materials and web development.** Detailed planning and justification of costs are requested.

5.1 Unspent Budget

In the event that the project coordinator foresees or observes unspent budget toward the end of the project, she/he will contact the CIO team immediately and not later than 30 days prior to the end of the project.

6. Grant extension

Since we aim to present the results of the selected/funded projects during the DARIAH Annual Event 2023, it is not possible to grant extension to the funded projects. In the case the awarded

project is not concluded in time to be presented at the DARIAH Annual Event 2023, DARIAH may be obliged to cancel the grant or seek recovery of the funding.

DARIAH will evaluate the possibility to grant an extension only in case of unforeseeable circumstances that prevent the DARIAH WG to terminate the funded project.

7. Collaboration with DARIAH

DARIAH staff, in particular the DCO team, will be happy to assist with the promotion and planning of events where they are able to contribute.

8. Crediting DARIAH

Funded projects are required to display the **DARIAH logo** on any resulting publications or at any resulting events and on related publicity material. Where editorial policies mean that logos cannot be displayed, explicit acknowledgement of the funding source should be made using the standard sentence: ***This work has been supported by the DARIAH ERIC***.

9. Reporting

All funding awarded through DARIAH will be subject to the following reporting procedures:

9.1 Presentation of project's results
The outcomes of the granted projects will be presented during the DARIAH Annual Event 2023, which will take place in the spring 2023 (exact date and place to be determined).

9.2 A report is due upon successful completion of the project.
This will consist of (1) an overview of the project's outcomes, as well as (2) a justification of funding expenditure. The templates for both reports will be provided to successful applicants as Annexes C and D to the Grant Agreement. Both forms should be submitted to the DARIAH CIO team via dariah-cio@dariah.eu.

For your reference, here is a preview of the report templates:
1. DARIAH WG Funding_Report Form (Annex C)
2. DARIAH WG Funding_Financial report_template.xlsx (Annex D)

   The deadline for the submission of the report is 2 month (60 days) after the presentation at the DARIAH Annual Event 2023.

9.3 Failure to file this report by the required date, or the filing of an unsatisfactory report, may oblige DARIAH to cancel the grant or seek recovery of money and may lead to the WG being

excluded from any future funding schemes run by DARIAH. Furthermore, consistent delay or missing communication with the CIO team may also cause the annullation of the grant.

9.4 Making project results openly available

Following DARIAH's Open Access Guidelines (HAL ID: halshs-02106332), successful applicants are required to openly share both their outputs (together with rich documentation) and their project reports either as part of the DARIAH HAL collection or of the ZENODO DARIAH community under aCC-BY 4.0. license (unless legal, ethical reasons suggest otherwise). Reference to these publications should be included in the reporting documentation to DARIAH.

10. Application Deadline

Applications (in electronic format) should be submitted to the DARIAH CIO team by **29 November 2021**. All applications must be submitted via https://dariah-wg-2021.sciencescall.org. Applications that are late or received in an incomplete state will not be considered for funding.

11. Appeals

Appeals will be entertained on the basis of procedural grounds only rather than on the merits of the application itself.

12. For further information contact the DARIAH CIO team via dariah-cio@dariah.eu.