

DARIAH-CH

Mandate of the Consortium for the period 2021-2024

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Preamble

Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities, DARIAH for short, is a large European network of digital research infrastructures for humanities scholars working with digital methods. It promotes digital research as well as teaching in digital research methods (mission).

A first Swiss consortium to mandate DARIAH-CH was founded on October 30th, 2018, with a partnership agreement ending on December 31st, 2020. By entering into this new partnership agreement, the members intend to continue the partnership up to December 31, 2024. Since January 1st, 2021, Switzerland participates in the European Research Infrastructure Consortium ERIC DARIAH in observer status (Observer). According to the agreement with the Swiss National Science Foundation SNSF of November 3rd, 2021, the Data and Service Center for the Humanities DaSCH is responsible for the establishment and financing of a 50 percent position for a coordinator (management) for the period 2021-2024.

Partnership Agreement

Art. 1 Basic principles

1 By signing this partnership agreement, the members shall establish a simple partnership pursuant to Art. 530 of the Swiss Code of Obligations (Consortium). The members pursue the common goal of operating DARIAH-CH in Switzerland as well as full membership in DARIAH ERIC from 2025.

2 DaSCH (mandated by SNSF) will apply for full membership of Switzerland in DARIAH ERIC as part of its 2025-2028 multi-year planning, as well as financial resources for membership and, if necessary, operation of DARIAH-CH.

3 According to Article 3 of the Statutes of DARIAH ERIC, DARIAH-CH consists of:

- a) a *Representing Entity* (to be determined by SERI)
- b) a *National Coordinating Institution*
- c) a *National Coordinator*

Art. 2 Purpose and tasks

1 The Consortium comprises the signatory institutions; it promotes and supports DARIAH-CH and the mission of DARIAH-EU in Switzerland. It supports and promotes the Digital Humanities in research and education.

2 The Consortium advocates for Switzerland to join DARIAH ERIC as a full member.

3 The Consortium supports the European DARIAH activities.

Art. 3 Consortium members

1 Consortium members are Swiss institutions that sign the present partnership agreement.

2 The Consortium may include additional Swiss institutions upon request with a simple majority vote of its Consortium members. If necessary, the Consortium can define different types of Consortium members (e.g. with and without voting rights, and guests).

3 No financial contributions will be required of Consortium members for the period of this mandate.

4 A Consortium member may withdraw from the Society with a notice period of six months.

Art. 4 Responsibilities

1 The SNSF entrusted DaSCH with the tasks of operating the DARIAH Coordination Office as well as providing the National Coordinator.

2 The Consortium undertakes to report the annual in-kind contributions to the Coordinations Office for annual reporting purposes according to "ANNEX II - PRINCIPLES FOR THE ACCOUNTING OF CONTRIBUTIONS".

3 The Consortium may establish substantive objectives for the fulfillment of DARIAH-CH's mission.

4 The Consortium shall adopt the necessary regulations.

Art. 5 Functioning

1 The Consortium meets regularly, at least once a year.

2 The Consortium members independently determine the personnel representation of their institution at the meetings of the Consortium.

3 The management of the Consortium is carried out by the national coordination office at DaSCH (managing institution). The latter invites to meetings, proposes agenda items and keeps the minutes of the meetings.

4 The Consortium elects a chair; other organizational matters are decided by the Consortium itself.

5 The Consortium decides by simple majority (exceptions see Article 6). Each Consortium member has one vote. In the event of a tie, the chair shall have a casting vote.

6 Experts and/or representatives of interested organizations may be invited to the meetings, but they will not have voting rights.

Art. 6 Start and end of the agreement

1 The agreement will come into force on November 30th, 2021.

2 The duration of the agreement is limited until December 31st, 2024 and the simple partnership shall be dissolved at the end of 2024, whereby the Consortium may decide on an extension. Any extension must be mutually agreed in writing by the duly authorized representatives of all Consortium members.

3 Amendments or additions to the partnership agreement require a two-thirds majority of the Consortium members.

4 The Consortium may decide by a two-thirds majority to dissolve the Consortium at the end of a calendar year.

The English version of this contract is legally binding, the German translation serves information purposes only.

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Version 3.0: Revised by Rita Gautschy, national DARIAH coordination office DaSCH, according to feedback by potential Consortium member institutions.

Version 2.0: Revised by Beat Immenhauser, SAGW

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