

A major condition for the take-off of the field of Language Resources and Language Technologies is the creation of a shared policy for the next years.

FLaReNet – Fostering Language Resources Network – aims at developing a common vision of the area and fostering a European strategy for consolidating the sector, thus enhancing competitiveness at EU level and worldwide.

By creating a consensus among major players in the field, the mission of FLaReNet is to identify priorities as well as short, medium, and long-term strategic objectives and provide consensual recommendations in the form of a plan of action for EC, national organisations and industry.

Through the exploitation of new collaborative modalities as well as workshops and meetings, the FLaReNet Network will sustain international cooperation and (re)create a wide Language community.

FLaReNet is a three-year project started on 1st September 2008 (EC eContentPlus Programme, Grant Agreement No. ECP-2007-LANG-617001).



Join FlaReNet!

FLaReNet is bringing together leading experts of research institutions, academies, companies, consortia, associations, funding agencies, public and private bodies both at European and international level. In order to initiate the process of establishing a stakeholders' platform as pervasive as possible, the FLaReNet Steering Committee is inviting all interested players in the field to express their interest in becoming part of the Network.

How to join?

Experts wishing to be part of the FLaReNet Network are invited to express their interest by filling in the form available on the project website.

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FLaReNet Launching Event

The European Language Resources and Technologies Forum: *Shaping the Future of the Multilingual Digital Europe*

Vienna, Thursday 12th and Friday 13th February 2009

Online **free** registration open!

In its first meeting, the Network will combine the FLaReNet themes with the i2010 objectives to address some of the technological, market and policy challenges to be faced in a multilingual digital Europe. This event will represent the occasion for identifying the ground for future directions in the area of Language Resources and Technologies at the level of the EC, national governmental agencies and industry.

This collaborative workshop will be composed of a series of working sessions where leading experts will be invited to present their vision on hot topics in the field of Language Resources and Technologies. Registration to the event is free. Participants are required to contribute to the discussion and follow on-going debate about priorities in the sector. This will offer the advantage of playing a role in the definition of recommendations for future actions, thus shaping the future with respect to the new challenges.

In order to elicit new ideas and perspectives from the widest possible audience, a **contest** has been set. Authors of best contributions will be awarded with reimbursement of their travel expenses and invited to give a short presentation. Please visit the website for details about the submission procedure.