

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 Thematic Areas and Working Groups

- **The Chart for the area of LRs and LT in its different dimensions**
- **Methods and models for LR building, reuse, interlinking, maintenance, sharing, distribution...**
- **Harmonisation of formats and standards**
- **Definition of evaluation and validation protocols and procedures**
- **Methods for the automatic construction and processing of LRs**

Work in FLaReNet is inherently collaborative. Different working groups are clustered around thematic areas and their activities are carried out through workshops, meetings, mailing and use of a collaborative Wiki platform. By subscribing to the FLaReNet website you can join any working group you like and participate in their activities.

Stay tuned for the first issue of the FLaReNet Newsletter—April 2009

The FLaReNet Newsletter is a means for the Network to reach the outside community as well as to reinforce the links among network subscribers. The first issue will be focused on the FLaReNet launching event held in Vienna from 12 to 13 February, featuring an overall report of the event as well as some interviews with invited speakers.