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WP02 will provide a critical chart of existing resources, including relevant

- ✓ organizational,
- ✓ financial
- ✓ legal aspects,
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classified along various dimensions e.g.

- technical aspects such as those regarding metadata sets,
- storage formats
- character encoding systems
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Aim:

identifying those areas and resources that are self-sustainable and those that need public support, **ending with a model of sustainability analysis to be used for the future production of LRs.**



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The future of LRs:

- Innovative and new LRs
- Less covered languages, such as minority languages or languages from the newcomers to the EU.



(Some) Tasks

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Analysis – Existing surveys exploitation and LRs identification

The Network will exploit brokers catalogues, surveys amongst LR producers and users, digital content providers,

- An updated chart of key LRs available both at EU and non-EU institutions, with a classification of existing LRs in terms of type, medium, languages, application(s)
 - *Some resources and/or new needs will be used by the other thematic WPs to study the problems encountered in the development of the LRs (in terms of content, potential application, interoperability with other efforts, etc.)*
- A complete picture of the main players and of actual and potential users, either private or public, involved in the language industry, focussing on eContent stakeholders and CIP



Analysis – Identification of self-sustainable LRs vs. those to be sustained

- which types of resources (if any) are self-sustainable, because there is strong interest of key-players in either the industry or the academia,
- what are the basic features (e.g. languages, types) or minimal requirements for self-sustainability (adherence to standards, open and portable architectures, interoperability with other resources).

Objective/Challenge:

- a model of sustainability analysis to be executed for the production of future LRs.

Selection of mature areas vs. new risky ones vs. those to be sustained

- Identification of areas that need to be sustained vs. self-sustainable LRs:
- BLARK vs. ELARK languages.
- Emphasis will be on innovative and new LRs and on those for less widely available languages.
 - Identity-preservation within Europe will be a priority,
 - LRs for all the newcomers countries of the EU,
- The picture of the situation should serve as **directive guide for future actions to be considered by the EC.**
- The results of this Proposal Task will be the input for recommendations



Deliverables

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- Up-to-date chart of LR and players and classification along different lines
- Identification of mature self-sustainable LRS vs. areas to be sustained