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Enhancing the European Linguistic Infrastructure



Project

METANET4U is a European project aiming at supporting language technology for European languages and multilingualism.

It is a project in the META-NET Network of Excellence, a cluster of projects — CESAR, METANORD, T4ME, METANET4U — aiming at fostering the mission of META.

META is the Multilingual Europe Technology Alliance, dedicated to building the technological foundations of a multilingual European information society.

METANET4U is a META-NET project



Objective

The central objective of the Metanet4u project is to contribute to the establishment of a pan-European digital platform that makes available language resources and services, encompassing both datasets and software tools, for speech and language processing, and supports a new generation of exchange facilities for them.

Goals

This central objective is articulated in terms of the following main goals:

- assessment
- collection
- distribution
- dissemination

Languages covered in the project:

- Basque
- Maltese
- Catalan
- Portuguese
- English
- Romanian
- Galician
- Spanish

√ assessment:

to collect, organize and disseminate information that permits to have an updated insight into the current status and the potential of language related activities, for each of the national and/or language communities represented in the project.

✓ collection:

to assemble and prepare language resources for distribution: this includes collecting languages resources; documenting these language resources; upgrading them to agreed standards and guidelines; linking and cross-lingual aligning them where appropriate.

✓ distribution:

to distribute the assembled language resources through exchange facilities that can be used by language researchers, developers and professionals: this includes to collaborate with other projects and where useful with other relevant multi-national forums or activities; this also includes to help build and operate broad inter-connected repositories and exchange facilities.

✓ dissemination:

to mobilise national and regional actors, public bodies and funding agencies by raising awareness with respect to the activities and results of the project, in particular, and of the whole area of language resources and technology, in general.