

WG meeting GiST (Guidelines and Standards) DARIAH Annual Event 2020

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 - a. Introduction
 - b. Strategy for creating such a module

WG GiST - introduction

- (Currently - needs to change - not much) information on DARIAH website:
<https://www.dariah.eu/activities/working-groups/guidelines-and-standards/>
- Currently three convenors (Charles Riondet, Marie Puren, Klaus Illmayer) and some further members
- WG GiST one of the first WGs in DARIAH (convenors then: Laurent Romary and Karlheinz Mörth)
- PARTHENOS WP4 and development of SSK leads to switch in convenorship
- Main aim from the very beginning on: insist on usage of (community) standards and support application of standards
- CLARIN has a standards committee:
<https://www.clarin.eu/governance/standards-committee>

WG GiST - state

- Focus on transition of SSK: outcome of [PARTHENOS](#) project (running time of project until 2019), transfer to WG GiST
- Development of a working plan to define action points for WG GiST
- Collecting input regarding expectations on WG GiST by other DARIAH WGs
 - Please participate in this by discussing with us in this call
- Awareness on guidelines and standards are important for digital arts and humanities especially in regard to current developments like FAIR data principles
- But it is a large field and to deal with recent developments and give support takes a lot of time
- Therefore main aim of this meeting: input in finding a feasible strategy

WG GiST - perspective

- Currently, we do have too less active members
- Also the three convenors are low on time capacities to invest in the WG
- After transition of SSK we need a “vision” for the WG to work along
- There are some ideas on paths to follow, but all of them need investment of limited resources
- Some of these ideas are presented in the following slides
- Guiding principles for GiST in the DARIAH ecosystem:
 - encourage the use of standards
 - give guidance for implementing standards
 - register standards and guidelines in use
 - point to community specific standards and guidelines

WG GiST - input

We are interested about your ideas and expectations!

What is your motivation to join the WG GiST meeting?

What outcomes do you expect from the WG GiST?

How can we support the use of standards?

How can we document the guidelines and standards that are used in the DARIAH community?

Please raise your hand and tell us about your ideas and/or use the chat and/or give your feedback in the prepared document

WG GiST - members

You are interested in becoming a member of WG GiST?

- Contact us anytime by writing an e-mail to gist@darjah.eu
- In this meeting: Add your name and e-mail-address into the “please-add-me-as-member”-list:

SSK - introduction

- SSK (Standardization Survival Kit): <http://ssk.huma-num.fr/>
- Outcome of PARTHENOS WP4 “Standardization”
- Development by INRIA team (Laurent Romary, Charles Riondet, Marie Puren, Dorian Seillier, Lionel Tadjou, Damien Biabiany), see <http://ssk.huma-num.fr/#/team> with input by PARTHENOS WP4 members (see deliverables D4.1 - D4.4: <https://www.parthenos-project.eu/resources/projects-deliverables#1523355659817-a8613542-c526>)
- Transition to WG GiST: DARIAH Theme Funding 2018/2019, see [report](#)
- Tool is custom-tailored and processes TEI files + Zotero references: <https://github.com/ParthenosWP4/SSK> - <https://ssk.readthedocs.io/en/latest/> - <https://www.zotero.org/groups/427927/ssk-parthenos>

SSK - live tour



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SSK /

Standardization Survival Kit

A collection of research use case scenarios
illustrating best practices in Digital Humanities and
Heritage research



Browse scenarios



Add a new scenario



About the SSK



Browse scenarios,
follow the steps

SSK - state

- SSK runs stable
- It is used quite frequently
- Content seems to be useful for others
- Concept of scenarios/steps is well received

but

- No easy maintenance: code is very specific and changes are not easy
- Also integration of new scenarios/steps takes some efforts
- Creating new scenarios/steps can take quite long: research, contacting and bringing experts together, write abstraction of research workflows
- Keeping scenarios/steps up to date is a big challenge

SSK - perspective

- We lack resources for further development based on the current setup
 - Especially an easy form-based creation/modification of scenarios/steps is necessary
- Alternative #1: switch to a CMS like Drupal
- Alternative #2: use static site generators based on GitHub repository
- Both alternatives imply switch from TEI based input files to something else e.g. markdown or database
- Especially for updates of scenarios/steps we need a more convenient solution as the current one
- Currently the focus is more on guidelines and not so much on standards: would need a re-thinking of the layout but also more background information on standards (e.g. something like <https://clarin.ids-mannheim.de/standards/>)

SSK - integration in SSHOC MP

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- ☐ Preservation Metadata (1)
- ☐ Standards (1)
- ☐ Text (1)

SOURCES



Encode and modelize field surveys for their online dissemination

Contributors: Hélène Gaudier, Marie Puren
Activities:

A researcher wants to preserve and to give access to field surveys and their related materials. Indeed, to provide a consistent context and make the reuse of raw data easier, the documentation has to include not only field materials but also documents about the research process steps, that's to say the preparation of the survey (research project, funding ...)

[Read more](#)[Workflow](#)

Prosopography research

Contributors: Emiliano Degl'Innocenti, Roberto Giacomini, Maurizio Savard
Activities:

Prosopography is the investigation of the common background characteristics of a group of actors in history, making a collective study of their lives. Prosopography is mostly used by historians to address two main research questions: 1. roots of political action: e.g. the interests beneath the rhetoric of politics or the social and economic affiliations of political ...

[Read more](#)[Workflow](#)

SSK - input

We are interested about your ideas and expectations!

What do you like/dislike on the SSK?

Which new features would you expect from the SSK?

Does the SSK help you to be pointed to the use of standards?

What are your opinions regarding switching to new technologies (e.g. Drupal)?

Please raise your hand and tell us about your ideas and/or use the chat and/or give your feedback in the prepared document

Watching standards

- That's a tricky task to todo
- We need to cover workload and resources
- Current proposal:
 - Collect standards in use in DARIAH
 - Look in other domains (SSHOC is a good place to meet other communities, but also EOSC looks promising)
 - Discover workflows and gain new scenarios/steps
 - Create an overview of standards/guidelines
 - Create identifiers in Wikidata and other services
 - Give background to standards
 - Describe how guidelines are used (DARIAH OpenMethods)
- Please give us advice!

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- The idea is to have a training module for the SSK
- Maybe also cover the application of standards
- What do you think?
 - Please raise your hand and tell us about your ideas and/or use the chat and/or give your feedback in the prepared document

Thanks for joining the WG meeting GiST!