



# Impact through participation. The case of the DARIAH-EU Working Groups

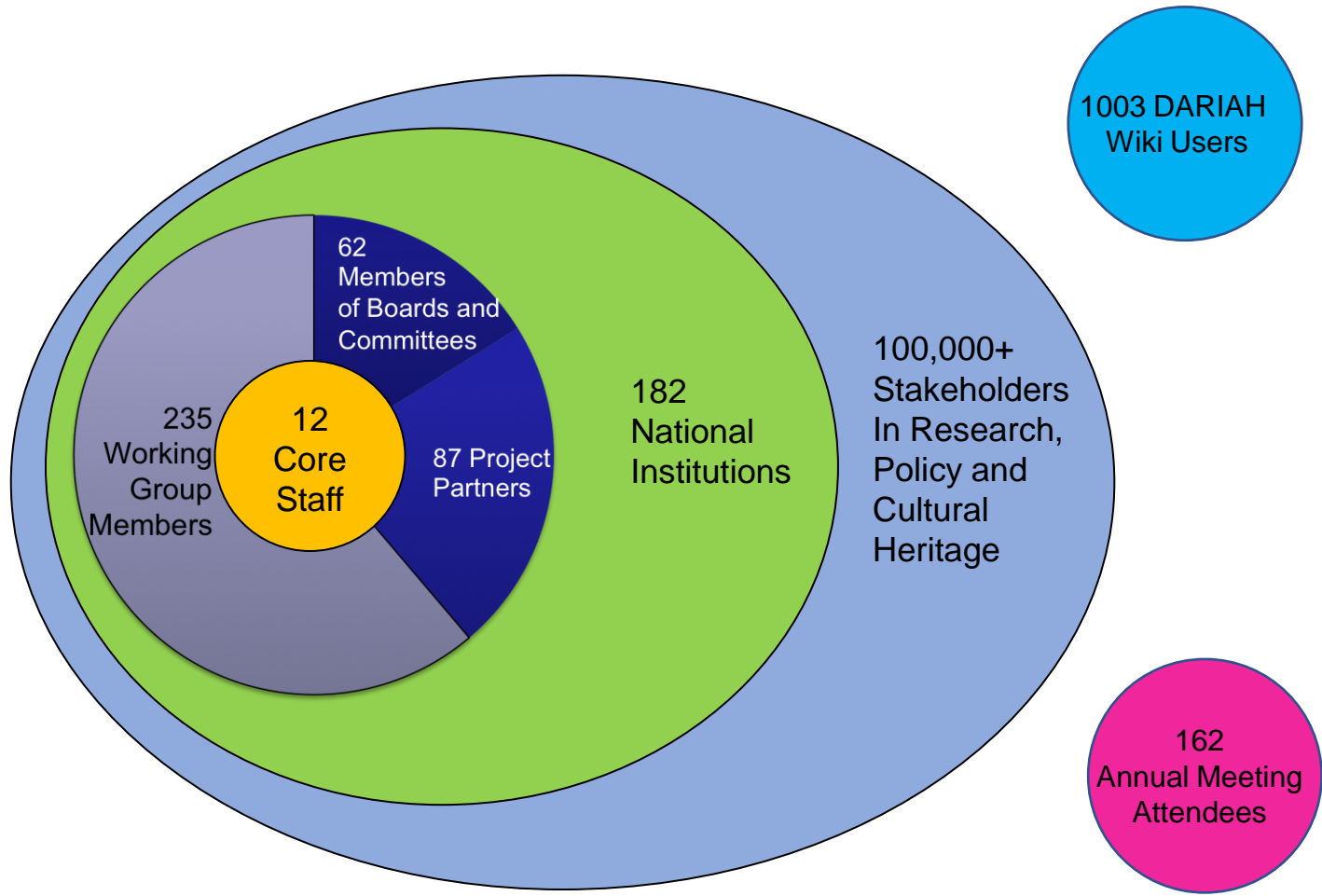
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# IMPACT

“We don’t know how it behaves  
(in the SSH), yet we need to talk  
about it (Leonie van Drooge)”

# How big is DARIAH? 2017





DARIAH Annual Event 2018, Paris

## DARIAH impacts on three aspects:

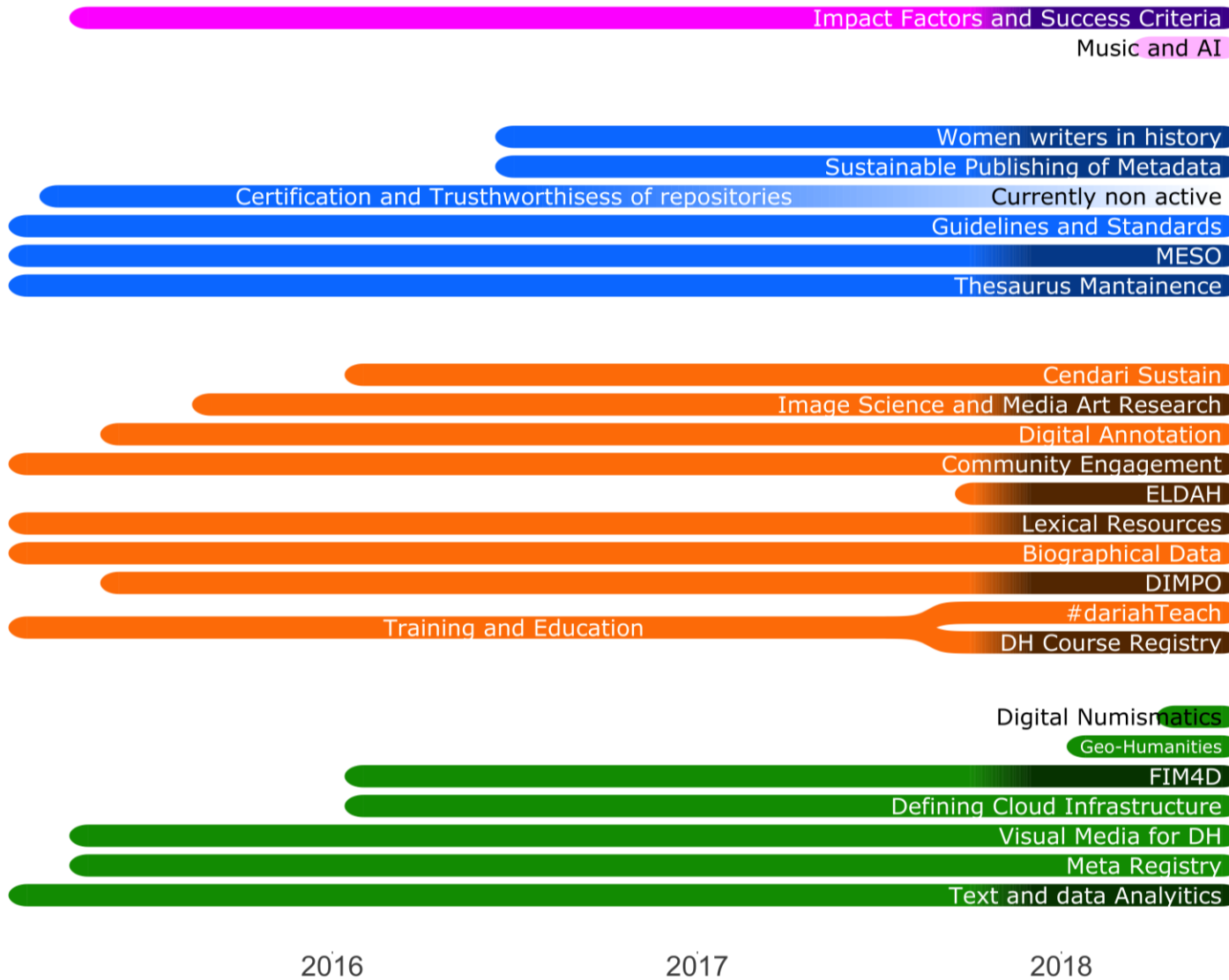
- **Research communities** → Impacting on research practices (training)
- **Research policies** → Making research results in the humanities more visible (Open Science actions)
- **National capacities** → Cross benefit from/to members

# Working groups and their impact in the research landscape

- WGs are groups of people from the research landscape (researchers, but not only) that gather around the same topic (on a voluntary base) with the aim of producing solutions to a specific research question or in general to provide support to other core DARIAH activities.

→ What makes them different from other projects/ institutional work?

- Connected to one or more VCCs, but self-organized in their organization, planning, relations, agenda
- They are open ended – agile in connecting with other interest groups
- Open to anyone with an interest for a specific topic
- Lifespan limited
- Lack of (stable) financial support



**Meaning of colors**

- VCC1
- VCC2
- VCC3
- VCC4

- VCC1-funded
- VCC2-funded
- VCC3-funded
- VCC4-funded

2015

2016

2017

2018

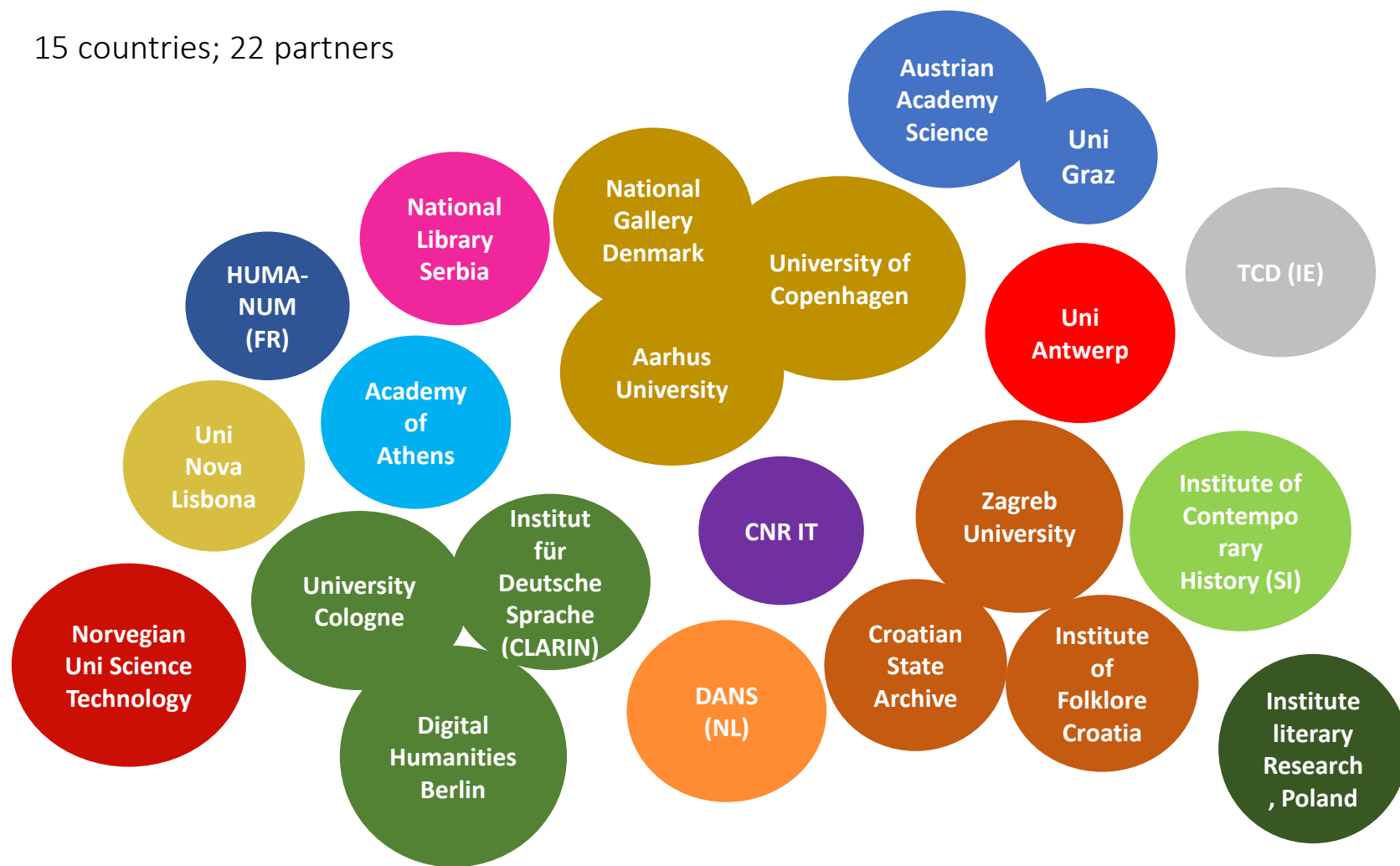
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## TASKS AND ACTIVITIES

- Develop and promote **positions on ethical questions** in Digital Arts and Humanities
- Maintain a set of **license templates** supported by DARIAH and adapt them to new developments within or outside DARIAH
- Advance the **alignment** of legal and ethical policies between DARIAH and related initiatives (i.e. other RIs)
- Promote the **legal and ethical policies** adopted by DARIAH
- Collect, consolidate and **publish** in DARIAH's HAL collection the findings and recommendations of the Working Group
- Prepare learning materials and facilitate **training** related to its expertise.



ELDAH meeting during Annual Event 2017, Berlin

# Working groups and their impact in the research landscape

- In the last years the DARIAH WG produced many research outputs that are key to the growth of our RI → just a few examples:
- Impactomatrix (WG Impact Factors and Success Criteria)
- Nemo Ontology (WG DIMPO)
- Survey of DH practices (WG DIMPO)
- DH Course Registry (DARIAH-CLARIN)
- #dariahTeach Platform
- Backbone Thesauri for Arts and Humanities (WG Thesaurus Maintenance)
- Recommendation for GLAMS on improving the quality and dissemination of their (meta)data (WG Sustainability of Metadata)

# Working groups as examples of co-creation

- R. Pozzo – CO-CREATION
- A “specific innovation can no longer be seen as the result of predefined and isolated innovation activities but rather as the outcome of a complex CO-CREATION process involving knowledge flows across the entire economic and social environment” (Open Science, Open Innovation, Open to the World. A vision for Europe, 2016)
- DARIAH WGs embody this aspect of co-creation as they enable the flow of knowledge and ideas across institutions, countries, hierarchies as well as across research trajectories established by national and international councils.

# Working groups as catalyst of social innovation

- Co-creation in particular aims to offer to the researchers that participate in it:
  - space for common access to knowledge, skills, technology
  - enhancing experience for stakeholders
  - alignment of needs [Accomplishh Project]
- Co-creation as a form of **CULTURAL AND SOCIAL INNOVATION**: it enables new ways to create new products by the people who need them, new solutions, new methodologies, circumventing the well known avenues of knowledge creation, that sometimes can not be suited to the way researchers currently perform their research. (see MODE 2, 1994; Triple Helix, 1995; Post Academic Science, 2000)

# Concluding....what's the impact of the WGs?

If we consider the WG as one of the founding pillars of the DARIAH-ERIC, then one of the main impacts of DARIAH is that of empowering its researchers to **shape and create new research practices and forms**, as well as reflections and models to disseminate them.

INDICATORS:

1. Breakthrough of society in knowledge creation
2. Participation (we can measure the data, the collaborations among institutes and the new networks emerged)
3. Access (accessibility to the group, documentation, tools, outputs)

\* new = more efficient, suited to the purpose, flexible to adapt to external requests

# Thanks!

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