

# Distant [E] Reading

Distant Reading for European Literary History

## Key Information

**Domains:** Digital Library Studies, Computational Linguistics, Literary History and Theory.

**Countries:** Currently, 31 Countries in Europe and beyond are involved.

**Researchers:** Over 150 researchers are involved in the network so far

**Funding:** The network is funded by the COST Association (European Cooperation in Science and Technology)

**Funding period:** The funding period is December 2017 to November 2021.

**Activities:** Key activities of the network include Working Group meetings, Training Schools and Short Term Scientific Missions

<https://www.distant-reading.net/>

# The Action

## *Distant Reading for European Literary History*

(COST Action CA16204) is an initiative aiming to create a vibrant and diverse network of researchers jointly developing the resources and methods necessary to change the way European literary history is written. Using digital resources and computational methods of analysis, the Action will create a shared theoretical and practical framework to enable innovative, sophisticated, data-driven, computational methods of literary text analysis across at least 10 European languages. Fostering insight into cross-national, large-scale patterns and evolutions across European literary traditions, the Action will facilitate the creation of a broader, more inclusive and better-grounded account of European literary history and cultural identity.

## ELTeC

A central aim of the *Distant Reading Action* is to coordinate the creation of a multilingual European Literary Text Collection (ELTeC). The existence of such a collection is an essential condition for the creation of tools and methods of analysis comparable in nature, scope and quality across several European languages. The ELTeC core will contain at least 10 linguistically annotated subcollections of 100 novels comparable in their internal structure in at least 10 different European languages, totalling at least 1,000 full-text novels. The extended ELTeC will take the total number of full-text novels to at least 2,500.