

Beyond STEVIN (“STEVIN Voorbij!”)

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Introduction

- It is unlikely there will be a STEVIN II,
 - I.e. a similar programme, funded in the same way
- However, many opportunities for other forms of funded R&D for LST seem to appear soon

Developments EU (1)

- DG-INFSO
 - Objective: increase the budget for LST significantly in the next years of FP7 and FP8
 - Driving force: Roberto Cencioni
 - Uses FLaReNet, META-NET (esp. META-VISION) and the “META-babies” as vehicles to achieve this
 - Increase of the budget in the last two years is already noticeable
 - Explicitly includes SMEs!

Developments EU (4)

- META-NET <http://www.metanet.eu>
 - Multilingual Europe Technology Alliance
 - Network of Excellence
 - Focus on multilinguality / translation
 - 2010-2013
 - 3 Pillars
 - Building bridges to neighbouring technology fields (META-RESEARCH)
 - Building an Open Resource Sharing Facility (META-SHARE)
 - Building a Community with a shared Vision and strategic research agenda (o.a. Vision Groups (META-VISION))
 - Coordinator: DFKI (Hans Uszkoreit)
 - NL repr.: UU
 - Large Overlap with FLaReNet participants

Developments EU (5)

- **META-NET Current Status**
 - **META-VISION**
 - has developed vision papers
 - Is developing a Strategic Research Agenda supported by the whole LST community
 - Goal: increase the opportunities for obtaining larger budgets
 - **META-NET is forging META**
 - the Multilingual Europe Technology Alliance
 - → Contribute and help ensure large budgets for focused LST programmes on topics you think are important

Developments EU (6)

- META-NET Current Status

- META-NET

- Language White Papers for 32 languages
 - describing properties of the language and the state of LST for that language
 - Preliminary versions are available since June 2011.
 - Final versions expected Jan 2012
 - Argue for the consolidation of each language in the modern communication and information society (→a kind of STEVIN at a European level)

Developments NTU

- Report Boves 'Enterprise Language Processing'
 - Contours for a STEVIN successor programme
 - Focuses on Research (knowledge) in close collaboration with companies (data)
 - Proposes 9 concrete recommendations
 - Approach fits in well with current research and societal needs (analysis of huge amounts of data)
 - Fits in well with current NL government policy

Developments NTU

- Top Sector “Creative Industries”
 - AvdB, LvbB & JO visited Valerie Frissen of the top team “Creative Industries”
 - Also tomorrow’s keynote speaker Yuri van Geest
 - 2xA4 Leaflet “LST: Top Technology for Top Sectors” written by AvdB, CC, JO, LvdB
 - Is taken into account in further development of Creative Industries plans

Developments NL

- CLARIN-NL
 - Use LST in a research infrastructure
 - For humanities researchers
 - 2009-2015
 - 9.01M euro
 - In part Cooperation with Flanders (based on STEVIN projects D-COI / SONAR / LASSY / SPRAAK / DPC)

Developments FL

- Funded FL part of cooperation with CLARIN-NL furthering STEVIN created data and tools (2010)
- Funded a few small research projects on LST (2010)
- Flanders will be involved with CLARIN ERIC via Dutch Language Union participation

Conclusions

- A new LST-specific programme is unlikely
- No concrete opportunities for a programme in which LST can play an important role yet, but
- Some concrete cases with money (CLARIN TTNWW)
- Many opportunities
 - At the EU level
 - At the NL level
 - At the FL level
- But mainly for individual projects, not for programmes
- Synchronization/coordination NL/FL is not obvious