

**Adapting flexible metadata
support in Dataverse to the
needs of domain-specific
repositories**

–
**the case of The Tromsø
Repository of Language and
Linguistics (TROLLing)**

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TROLLing

The Tromsø Repository
of Language and Linguistics



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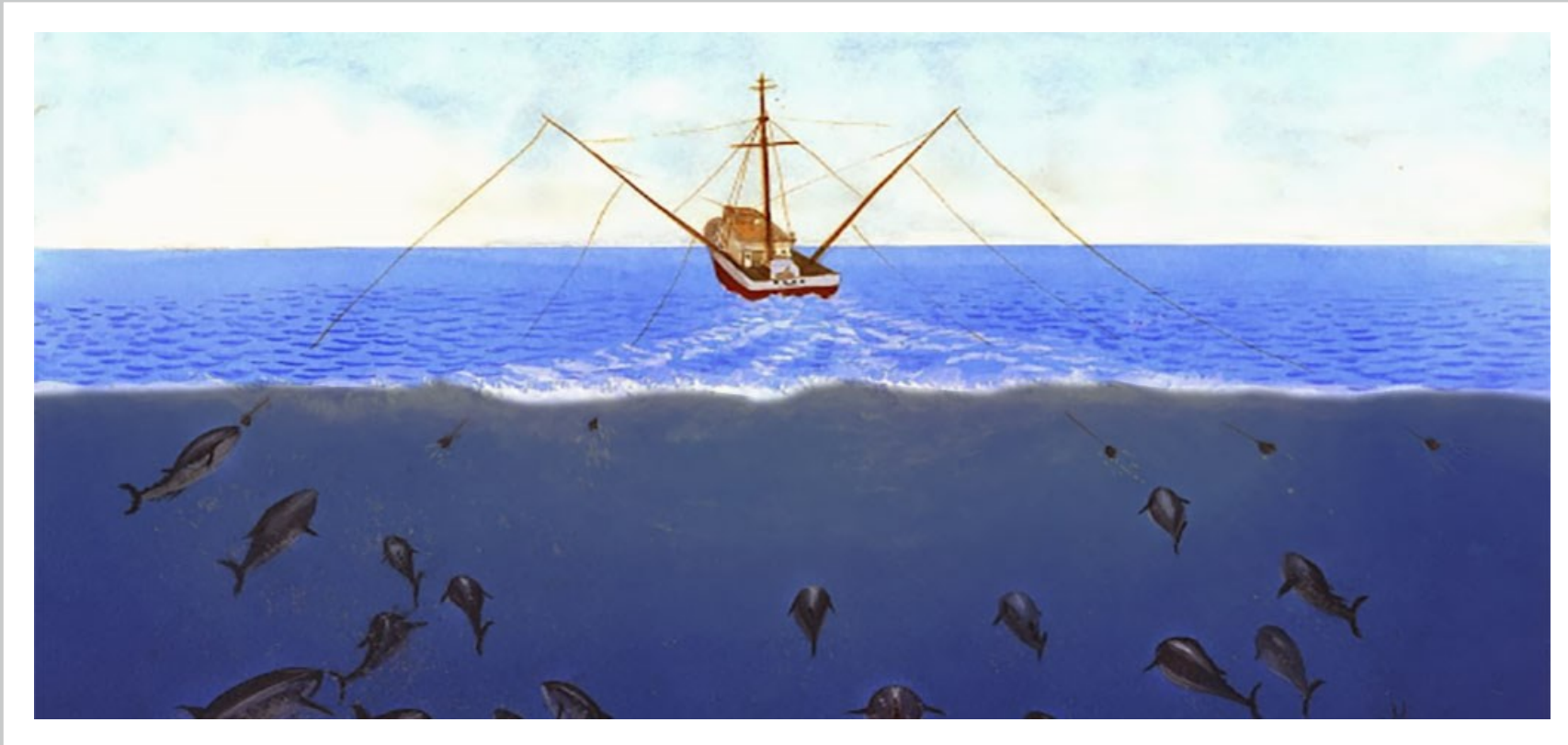
Outline of the presentation

1. What is TROLLing?

History, scope, infrastructure, support, numbers

2. Current metadata support in TROLLing

3. Future metadata support in TROLLing



Part 1: What is TROLLing?

The Tromsø Repository of Language and Linguistics

trolling.uit.no

TROLLing: history

Pre 2013: UiT University Library providing Open Access publication support.

Fall 2013: The UiT Library was contacted by Laura Janda and Tore Nettet, professors of Russian language at UiT asking for help to create a community-driven repository where linguists worldwide could archive and share their data and code to support the transparency and reproducibility of linguistic studies.

Establishment of working group and development of TROLLing; user guidelines, curation routines, outreach.

June 2014: TROLLing was launched, as (one of) the first open repository for linguistic research data.



European Open Data Champions

Inspiration from influential European academics and information professionals on Open Data

Home » Champions » By sharing our data, and doing this in an open, public, community fashion, we can determine the best practices for our field

Name: Prof Laura A. Janda

Position: Professor of Russian Linguistics

Institution: UiT The Arctic University of Norway

Country: Norway

More info: Home Page; Other

ORCID ID: <http://orcid.org/0000-0001-5047-1909>

“By sharing our data, and doing this in an open, public, community fashion, we can determine the best practices for our field”



TROLLing: scope

All subdisciplines of linguistics

The international community

All types of data (but open)

Raw data and processed data

Text, image, audio, video, ...

All types of supplementary material

Code/scripts

Experimental protocol

...



TROLLing: the infrastructure

Based on the community-driven Dataverse software

Developed and operated at UiT by the University Library and the IT Department

Operated in alignment with the FAIR principles (Findable – Accessible – Interoperable – Reusable)

For historical reasons still part of DataverseNO, an institution-based national generic repository for open research data. Will be moved to its own Dataverse installation in 2022.

The screenshot shows the DataverseNO website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the DataverseNO logo, a 'Certified by: CORE TRUST SEAL' badge, and links for 'Search', 'Deposit Guide', 'Support', and 'Log In'. Below the navigation bar is a banner for 'TROLLing: The Tromsø Repository of Language and Linguistics'. The main content area includes a search bar with the text 'Search this dataverse...' and a 'Q' icon, followed by an 'Advanced Search' link. On the left side, there are filters for 'Dataverses (0)', 'Datasets (119)', and 'Files (3,049)'. Below these are sections for 'Publication Year' (2021 (19), 2020 (21), 2019 (7), 2018 (10), 2017 (12)), 'Author Name' (Nesset, Tore (14), Janda, Laura A. (9), Eckhoff, Hanne (8), Sønning, Lukas (8), Makarova, Anastasia (7)), 'Keyword Term' (Russian (35), English (11), Norwegian (11), aspect (11), corpus (8)), and 'Distributor Name' (The Tromsø Repository of Language and Linguistics (62), UiT Open Research Data (49), HVL Open Research Data (3)). On the right side, there is a '1 to 10 of 119 Results' section with a 'Sort' dropdown. The results list includes: 1. 'Replication Data for: Vocabulary Development in a CLIL Context: A Comparison between French and English L2.' by Baten, Kristof; Van Hiel, Silke; De Cuypere, Ludovic, dated Nov 9, 2021. 2. 'Replication Data for: A Corpus Based Analysis of V2 Variation in West Flemish and French Flemish Dialects' by Lybaert, Chloé; De Clerck, Bernard; Saelens, Jorien; De Cuypere, Ludovic, dated Nov 5, 2021. 3. 'Replication Data for: Sound symbolism in Chinese children's literature' by Wang, Xiaoxi, dated Oct 27, 2021. 4. 'Replication Data for: Using structural priming to test links between constructions: English caused-motion and resultative sentences inhibit each other' by Ungerer, Tobias, dated Sep 22, 2021. 5. 'Replication Data for: The history of Slavonic clausal complementation: a corpus view' by Eckhoff, Hanne, dated Sep 1, 2021.

TROLLing: the infrastructure

Being part of DataverseNO, TROLLing has since 2020 been CoreTrustSeal certified as a sustainable and trusted research data repository.



Some main technical features:



Baten, Kristof; Van Hiel, Silke; De Cuypere, Ludovic, 2021, "Replication Data for: Vocabulary Development in a CLIL Context: A Comparison between French and English L2.", <https://doi.org/10.18710/PXJX1F>, DataverseNO, V1

Cite Dataset ▾

Learn about [Data Citation Standards](#).

- ✓ automatically generated reference, including a
- ✓ Permanent identifier (DOI)

Files

Metadata

Terms

Versions

Dataset	Summary	Contributors	Published
2.0	Citation Metadata: Related Publication (1 Changed); Files (Replaced: 1); View Details	Philipp Konzett, Tobias Ungerer	Sep 22, 2021
1.0	This is the first published version.	Tobias Ungerer, Philipp Konzett	Dec 1, 2020

- ✓ Version control



Unpublished Dataset Private URL – Privately share this dataset before it is published:

- ✓ Private URL



[2_Values_plosives.csv](#)

Comma Separated Values - 47.9 KB

Published Dec 18, 2020

3 Downloads

MD5: 7e4...2b2

Measures for plosives /p t k b d g/ produced in word-initial and word-final position, in a reading task and a repetition task, by informants from the Tromsø and Oslo corpora. The file also contains measures of plosives produced by a native francophone speaker serving as model in the repetition task.

- ✓ Embargo file access

Not available until 2021-04-01

TROLLing: the infrastructure

Since 2018, TROLLing has been a CLARIN C Centre, and basic citation metadata from TROLLing is harvested by the CLARIN Virtual Language Observatory (VLO).



A screenshot of the Virtual Language Observatory (VLO) search results page. The page header includes "Virtual Language Observatory" with navigation links for "Search", "Contributors", and "Help", and the CLARIN logo. The search bar contains "westergaard" and shows "Showing 4 results for westergaard". A sidebar on the left offers filters for Language, Collection, Resource type, Modality, Format, Temporal Coverage, Availability, and Search options. The main content area displays two search results, each with a title, a brief description, and a "1" icon. The first result is "Acquisition of definiteness marking in monolingual and bilingual Latvian-speaking children" and the second is "Adjectival gender agreement in monolingual and bilingual Latvian- and Russian-speaking pre-schoolers".

Citation Metadata ^

Dataset Persistent ID [?] doi:10.18710/TU1GSY
Publication Date [?] 2020-12-19
Title [?] Replication Data for: Morphological variation and development in a Northern Norwegian role play register
Author [?] Strand, Bror-Magnus S. (UiT – The Arctic University of Norway) - ORCID: 0000-0003-2381-1327
Contact [?] Use email button above to contact.
Strand, Bror-Magnus S. (Feide - Norwegian educational institutions)

Description [?] The dataset contains: Matrix containing anonymised transcriptions and coding of spontaneous play among 7 children and R scripts used in data manipulation and to fit a binomial mixed effect model. (2020-08-20)
Abstract: This paper investigates the variation in and development of a set of morphological variables in a register known to be used by Norwegian children when engaging in role play. In this register they code-switch to something resembling the standard or Oslo variety for their in-character role utterances. The variation and although most variables are used in the standard variants, on the most frequent variables shows that the rate of standard

Subject [?] Arts and Humanities

Keyword [?] Morphology
Pronouns
Nouns
Nominal inflection
Verbs
Verbal inflection
Norwegian
Child language
Play
Speech registers

Related Publication [?] Strand, B. (2020). Morphological variation and development in Linguistics, 1-33. doi: 10.1017/S0332586520000219 <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0332586520000219>

Language [?] English

Producer [?] UiT – The Arctic University of Norway (UiT)

Contributor [?] Research Group : AcqVA AURORA

Distributor [?] The Tromsø Repository of Language and Linguistics (TROLLING)

Depositor [?] Strand, Bror-Magnus S.

Deposit Date [?] 2020-08-16

Time Period Covered [?] Start: 2017 ; End: 2018

Date of Collection [?] Start: 2017 ; End: 2018

Kind of Data [?] experimental data; r-script

Software [?] ELAN, Version: several (4.9.4 to 5.7-AVFX)
R, Version: 1.3.1093
Microsoft® Excel for Mac, Version: 16.44

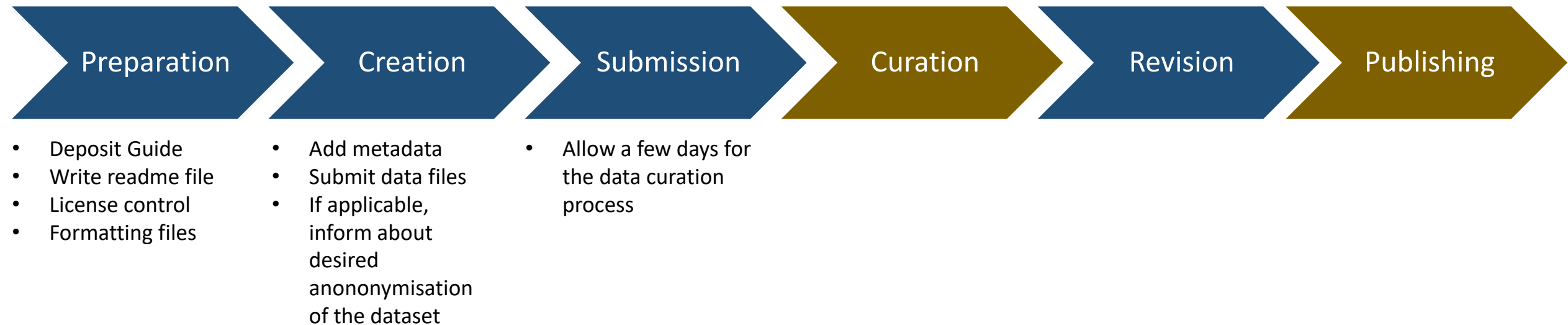
Descriptive metadata harvested by more generic search engines such as Google Dataset Search and BASE Bielefeld.

Other search engines:

<https://search.datacite.org/>
<http://b2find.eudat.eu/>

The screenshot shows a Google Dataset Search result for the query 'speech registers'. The search bar at the top contains the text 'speech registers'. Below the search bar, there are filters for 'Last updated', 'Download format', 'Usage rights', 'Topic', and 'Free'. The results section shows '11 datasets found'. The first result is 'Sensitivity to linguistic register in 20-month-olds: Understanding the...' from PLOS, available on figshare.com, with a 'docx, xlsx' file format, updated on Apr 10, 2018. The second result is 'Infant Directed Speech Enhances Statistical Learning in Newborn Infants: An...' from PLOS, available on plos.figshare.com, with a 'docx, tiff' file format, updated on Sep 13, 2016. The third result is 'Replication Data for: Morphological variation and development in a Northern...' from dataverse.no, with a 'tsv, txt' file format, updated on Dec 19, 2020. On the right side of the search results, there is a detailed view for the 'Replication Data for: Morphological variation and development in a Northern Norwegian role play register'. It includes a button to 'Explore at DataverseNO', a note that '37 scholarly articles cite this dataset (View in Google Scholar)', a list of file formats: 'txt(3913), txt(3812), txt(21280), tsv(1933054)', a 'Unique identifier' link to 'https://doi.org/10.18710/TU1GSY', 'Dataset updated Dec 19, 2020', 'Dataset provided by DataverseNO', 'License CC0 1.0 Universal Public Domain Dedication', 'Time period covered 2017 - 2018', and 'Area covered Tromsø'.

TROLLing: publishing process



Deposit support

info.dataverse.no

Deposit guide:

README file template:

info: DataverseNO

About Deposit Adm

Deposit Guidelines > Prepare your data

Prepare your data

Before depositing your data in DataverseNO (including the different collections, e.g. UiT Open Research) sure your dataset(s) comply with our guidelines below. DataverseNO accepts only research data in digital format. Preparing research data for archiving may be summarized as follows:

- Use consistent and comprehensible file names (see section 1 below).
- Save your data in a preferred file format(s) (see section 2 below).
- Describe your data in a ReadMe file (see section 3 below).

For more detailed guidelines, see below:

- 1 File naming and organization
- 2 Preferred file formats
- 3 How to describe your data
- 4 File size
- 5 References

For questions, comments or suggestions, see our [support page](#).

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<Help text is included in angle brackets and should be deleted before saving.>
<DataverseNO README File Template --- General --- Version: 2.1 (2021-01-07)>
This README file was generated on [YYYY-MM-DD] (YYYY-MM-DD) by [NAME].
Last updated: [YYYY-MM-DD].

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GENERAL INFORMATION
-----
// Title of Dataset:
// DOI:
// Contact Information
<The person to be contacted for questions about the dataset>
  // Name:
  // Institution:
  // Email:
  // ORCID:

<Whenever applicable, the following information should be registered in the metadata schema of DataverseNO. In the
text below, remove fields/lines that are not applicable, and leave the rest unchanged. >
// Contributors: See metadata field Contributor.
// Kind of data: See metadata field Kind of Data.
// Date of data collection/generation: See metadata field Date of Collection.
// Geographic location: See metadata section Geographic Coverage.
// Funding sources: See metadata section Grant Information.

// Description of dataset:
<(Short) description of what the dataset is about, including reference to related project(s) and publication(s),
if applicable. Should correspond to the information entered in the metadata fields Description and Related
Publication.>
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TROLLing: repository managers and curators

Helene N. Andreassen

PhD in French Phonology

Responsible for the UiT training program in research data management

Co-chair of the Linguistics Data Interest Group (Research Data Alliance)

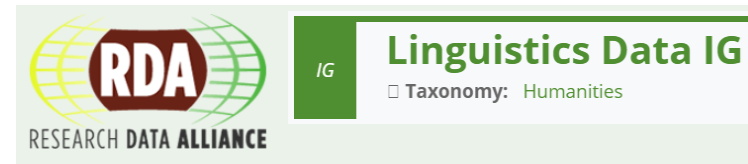
Philipp Konzett

MA in Nordic Linguistics

Part of the repository management of DataverseNO

Member of the Steering Committee of the Global Dataverse Community Consortium





TROLLing collaboration

CLARIN – Common Language Resources and Technology Infrastructure, a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC)

COST – European Cooperation in Science and Technology: European network for Web-centred linguistic data science

SSHOC – Social Sciences and Humanities Open Cloud – a Horizon 2020 project

RDA – Research Data Alliance Linguistics Data Interest Group



TROLLing: numbers

Contributors

(as of 30 January 2021, when TROLLing reached 100 published datasets)

82 contributing authors

Representing a total of 42 research organizations

From 17 countries in 4 continents



TROLLing: numbers

(as of 24 November 2021)

Data

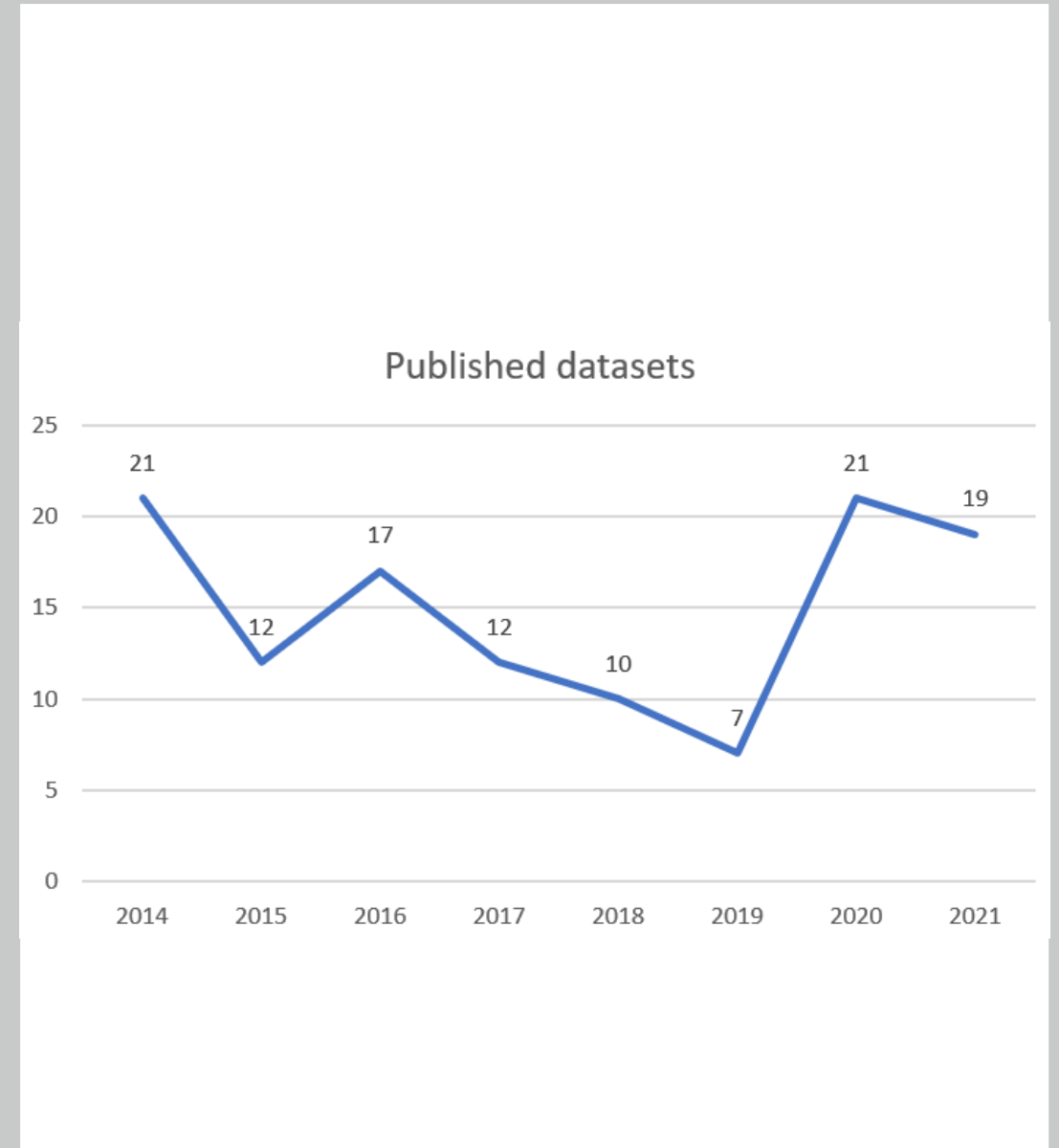
116 datasets containing 3 026 files

39 languages represented

Mostly supporting / replication data (articles and books)

Data from PhD and MA dissertations

Several datasets anonymised and shared with editors/peer reviewers together with a submitted journal or book manuscript



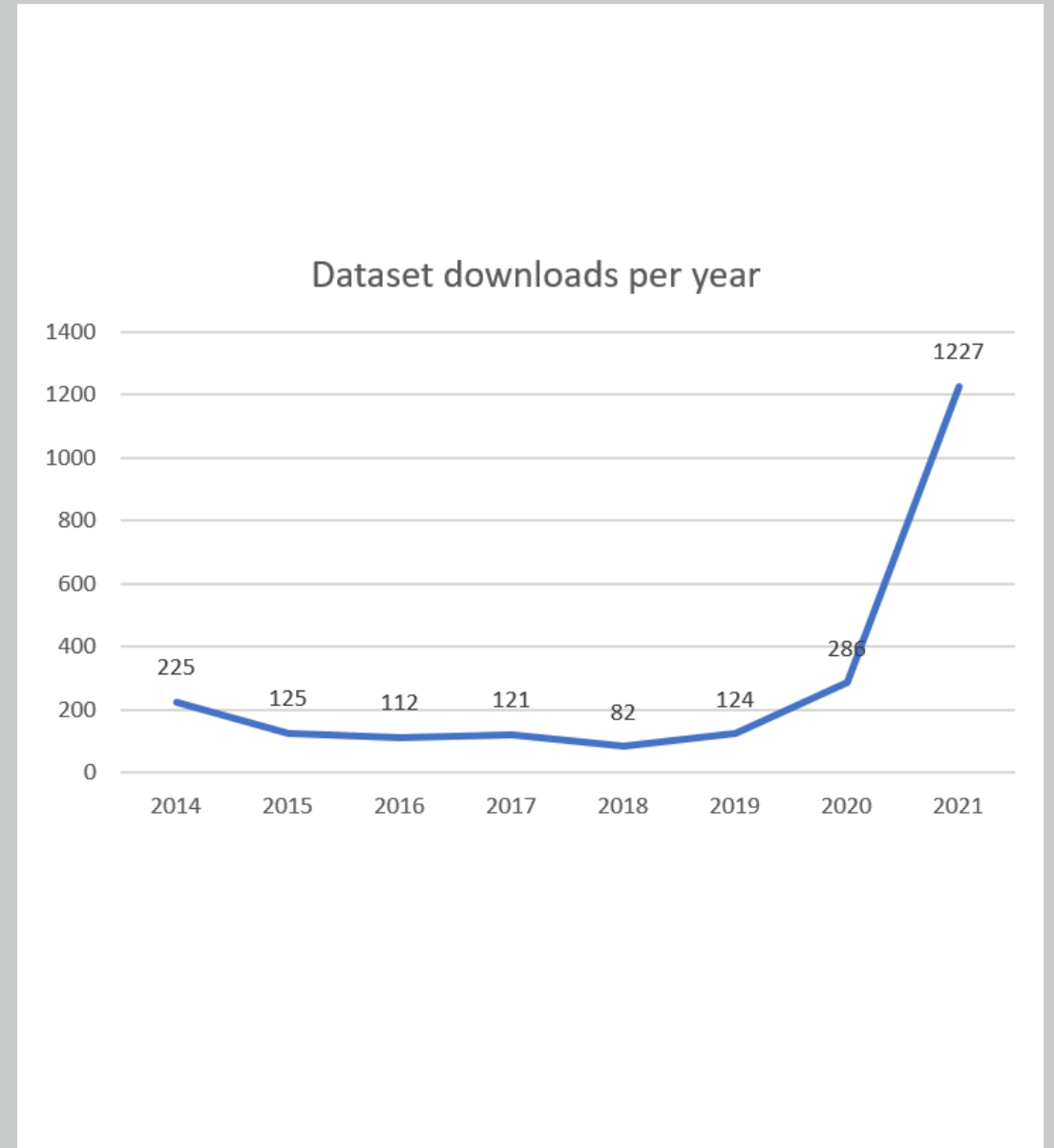
TROLLing: numbers

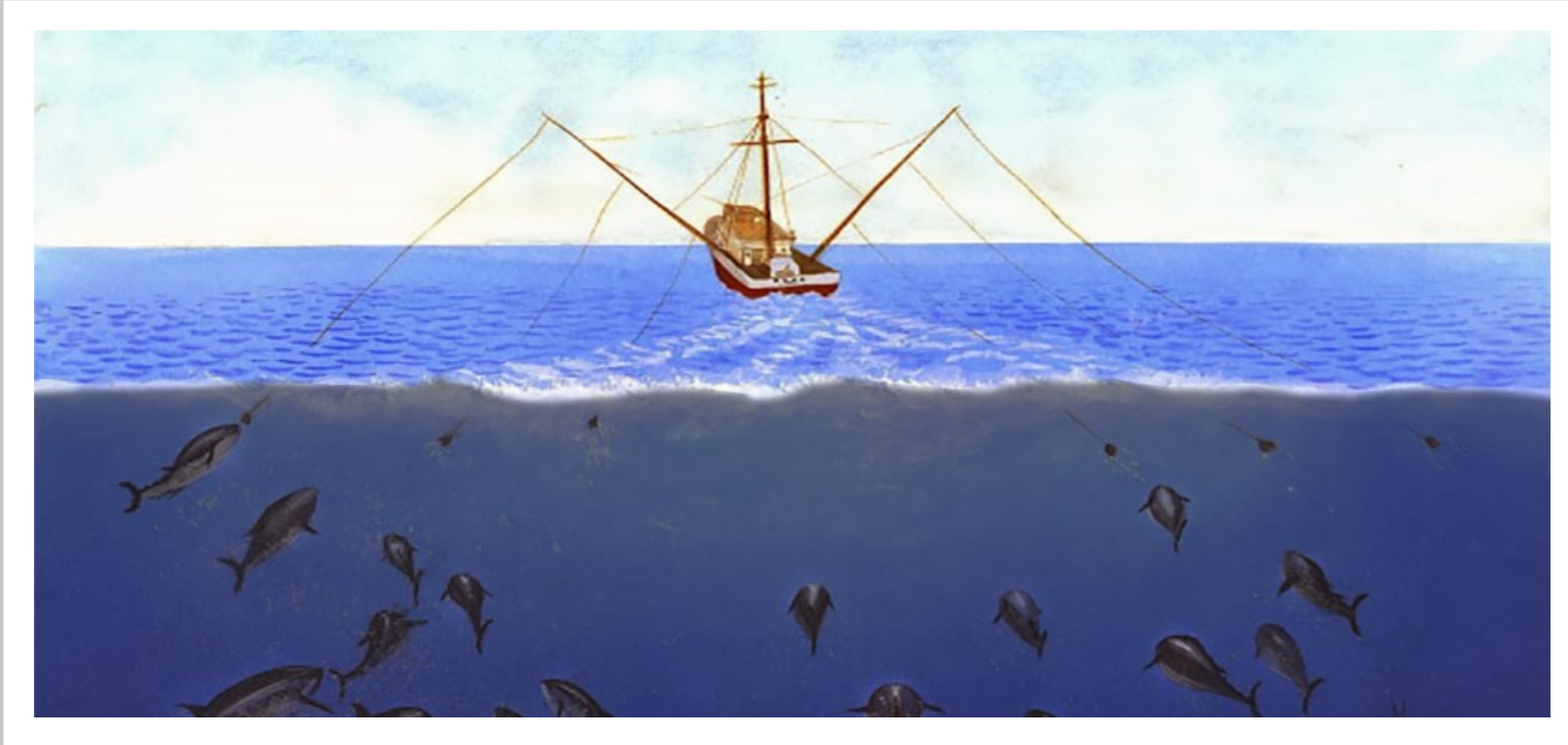
(as of 17 November 2021)

Usage

In total, 2302 dataset downloads

At average 4.25 downloads per dataset





Part 2: Current metadata support in TROLLing

Metadata registration in Dataverse

Metadata are registered in two rounds:

Round 1: all **mandatory (M)** and a few **recommended (R)** fields

Round 2: other recommended fields and optional fields (e.g. Social Science and Humanities Metadata)

Deposit Guidelines contain more information about the mandatory and recommended fields.

Round 1:

Citation Metadata:

- Title (M)
- Author (M), ORCID (R)
- Contact (M)
- Description (M)
- Keyword (M)
- Related Publication (R)

Round 2:

Citation Metadata:

- Language (R)
- Contributor (R)
- Grant Information (R)
- Time Period Covered (R)
- Date of Collection (R)
- Kind of Data (R)
- Related Material (R)
- Related Dataset (R)
- Data Sources (R)

Geospatial Metadata:

- Geographic Coverage (R)
- Geographic Bounding Box (R)


Need for more domain-specific metadata support


Example 1:

Language

Currently: only language of description

Need: also language that is investigated (currently added as keyword)

Keyword  Linguistic data
corpus data
spoken corpus data
Dutch
Dutch dialects
West Flemish
French Flemish
Mixed-effects logistic regression analysis
Inversion
word order
V2
Subject-Verb inversion
constituent order
syntactic alternation

Language  English

Need for more domain-specific metadata support

Example 2:

Contributor

Currently: only general/academic contributor roles

Need: also language research-specific roles, e.g., the OLAC Role Vocabulary, as recommended, e.g., in Tromsø Recommendations for Citation of Research Data in Linguistics (<https://doi.org/10.15497/rda00040>)

Dataverse Contributor Roles:

- Data Collector
- Data Curator
- Data Manager
- Editor
- Funder
- Hosting Institution
- Project Leader
- Project Manager
- Project Member
- Related Person
- Researcher
- Research Group
- Rights Holder
- Sponsor
- Supervisor
- Work Package Leader
- Other

OLAC Role Vocabulary:

- annotator
- author
- compiler
- consultant
- data_inputter
- depositor
- developer
- editor
- illustrator
- interpreter
- interviewer
- participant
- performer
- photographer
- recorder
- researcher
- research_participant
- responder
- signer
- singer
- speaker
- sponsor
- transcriber
- translator

(Source: <http://www.language-archives.org/REC/role.html>)

Need for more domain-specific metadata support

Example 3:

CMDI compatibility

Currently: only some basic citation metadata is harvested by CLARIN Virtual Language Observatory (VLO)

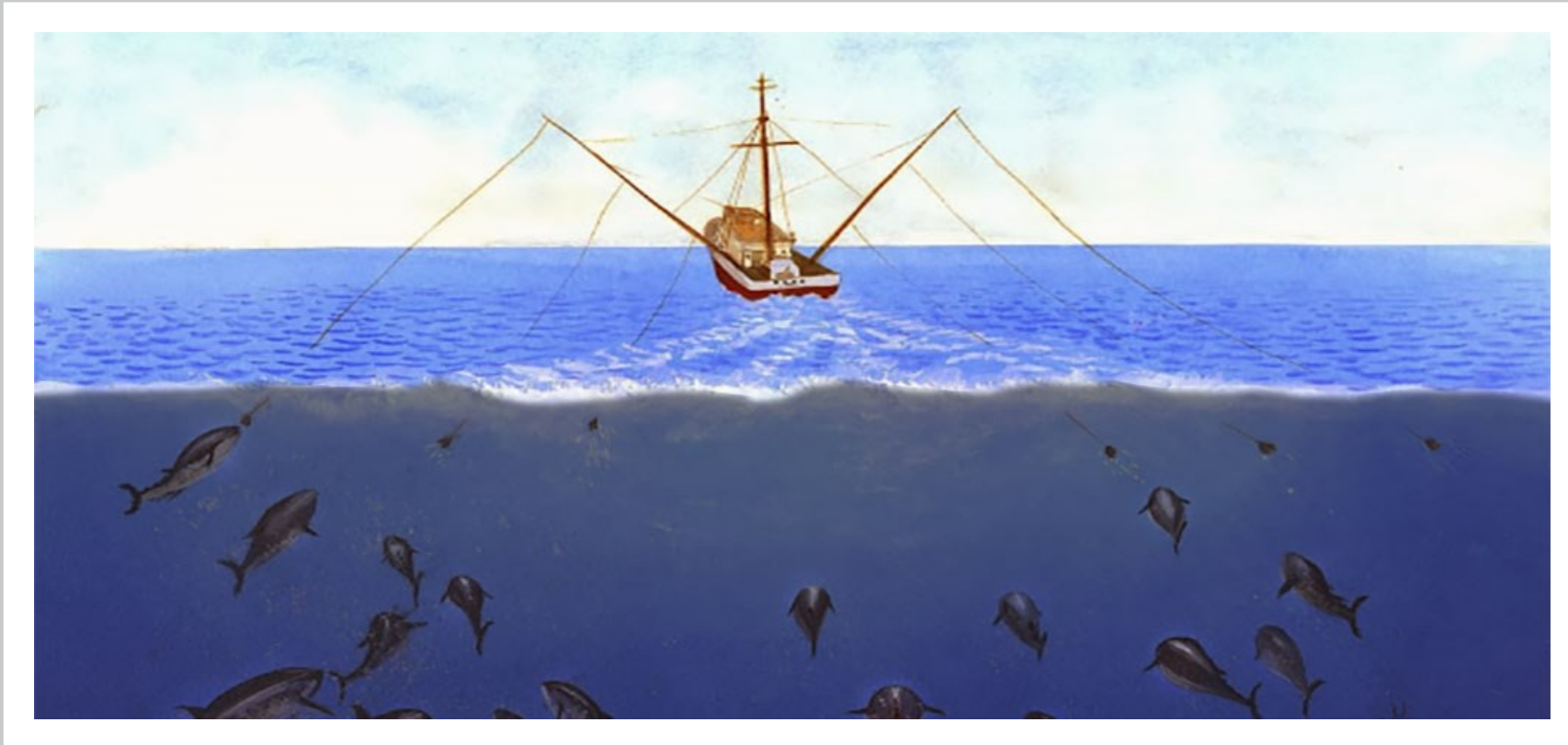
Need: full CMDI compatibility

TROLLing dataset in VLO:



Fully CMDI-compatible dataset in VLO:





Part 3: Future metadata support in TROLLing

Domain-specific metadata schema(s)

Metadata Fields

Choose the metadata fields to use in dataset templates and when adding a dataset to this dataverse.

- Citation Metadata (Required) [\[+\] View fields + set as hidden, required, or optional](#)
- Geospatial Metadata [\[+\] View fields + set as hidden, required, or optional](#)
- Social Science and Humanities Metadata [\[+\] View fields + set as hidden, required, or optional](#)
- Astronomy and Astrophysics Metadata [\[+\] View fields](#)
- Life Sciences Metadata [\[+\] View fields](#)
- Journal Metadata [\[+\] View fields](#)

Language and Linguistic Metadata

Language and Linguistic metadata

Examples:

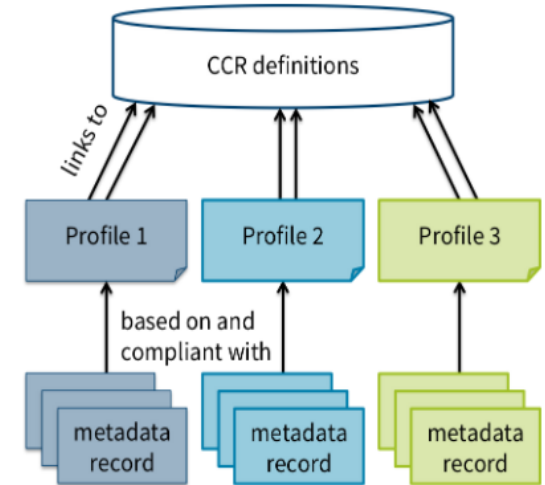
CLARIN Core Metadata

CMDI compatible
Recommended by CLARIN metadata WG
(work in progress)

European Language Grid (ELG) Metadata Schema

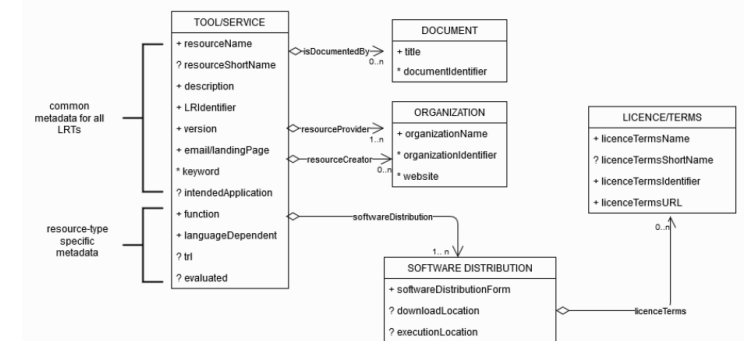
ELG = “primary platform for Language Technology in Europe”

CLARIN CMDI



Source: <https://www.clarin.eu/content/component-metadata>

ELG Metadata Schema



Source: https://european-language-grid.readthedocs.io/en/release1.1.1/all/A1_Metadata/Metadata.html

Language and Linguistic metadata

Examples:

External Controlled Vocabularies

- OLAC Role Vocabulary
- META-SHARE Ontology, e.g.,
modalityType
- ...

META-SHARE Ontology: modalityType

Modality type^c

[back to ToC](#) or [Class ToC](#)

IRI: <http://w3id.org/meta-share/meta-share/ModalityType>

A classification of modalities represented in the resource or processed by a tool/service

is in range of

[modality_type](#)^{op}

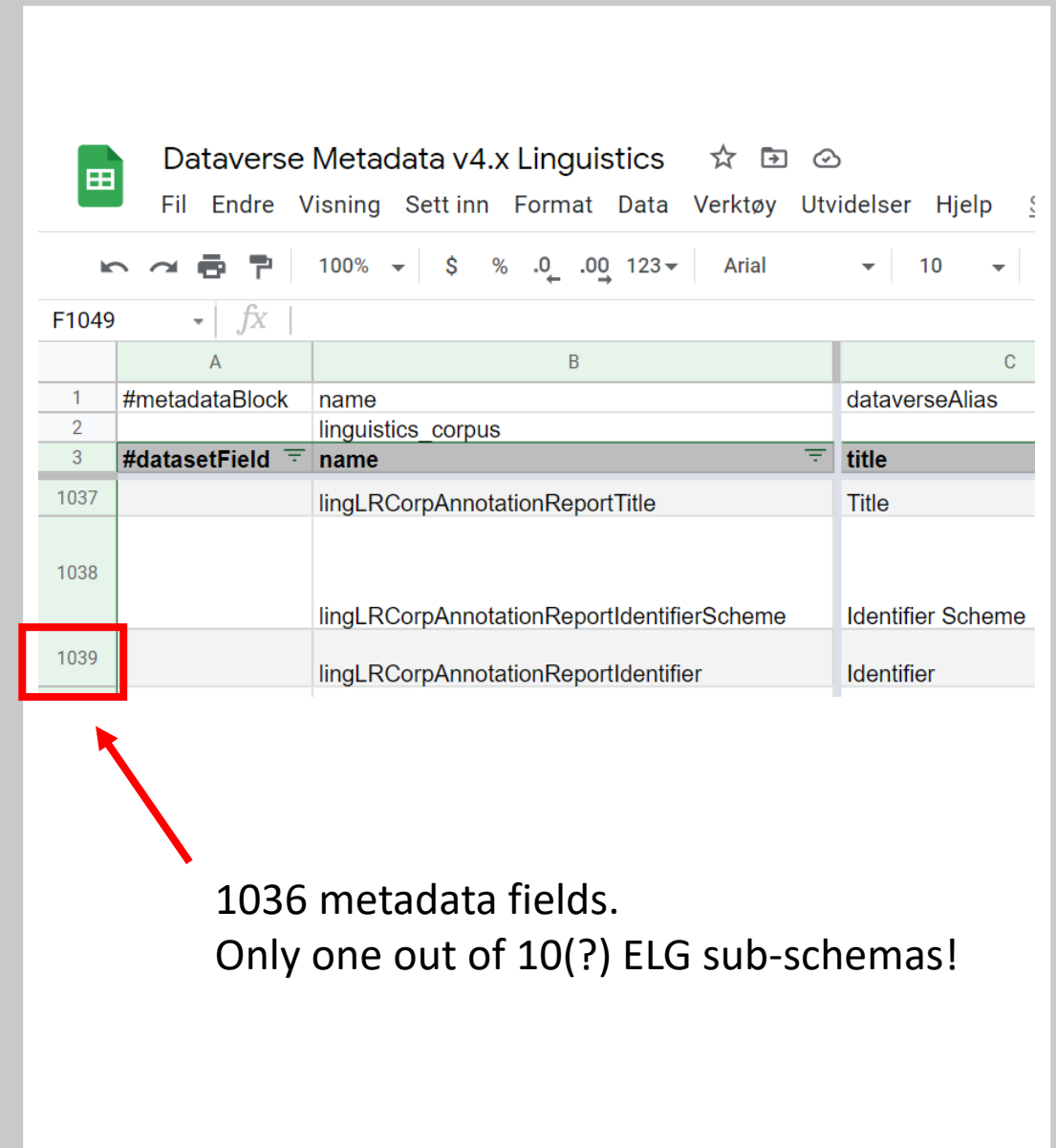
has members

[body_gesture](#)ⁿⁱ, [combination_of_modalities](#)ⁿⁱ, [facial_expression](#)ⁿⁱ,
[other](#)ⁿⁱ, [sign_language](#)ⁿⁱ, [spoken_language](#)ⁿⁱ, [unspecified](#)ⁿⁱ, [voice](#)ⁿⁱ,
[written_language](#)ⁿⁱ

Source: <http://w3id.org/meta-share/meta-share>

Challenges

1. How to implement complex metadata schemas (e.g. ELG)?
2. How to ensure maintenance of (complex) metadata schemas?
3. How to ensure sustainability of external controlled vocabulary services?
4. How to support interoperability on file-level?



The screenshot shows a spreadsheet titled "Dataverse Metadata v4.x Linguistics". The table has three columns: A, B, and C. The rows are numbered 1 through 1039. Row 1039 is highlighted with a red box, and a red arrow points to it from the text below. The text below the spreadsheet reads: "1036 metadata fields. Only one out of 10(?) ELG sub-schemas!".

	A	B	C
1	#metadataBlock	name	dataverseAlias
2		linguistics corpus	
3	#datasetField	name	title
1037		lingLRCorpAnnotationReportTitle	Title
1038		lingLRCorpAnnotationReportIdentifierScheme	Identifier Scheme
1039		lingLRCorpAnnotationReportIdentifier	Identifier

1036 metadata fields.
Only one out of 10(?) ELG sub-schemas!



Possible approaches

1. Use CLARIN Core Metadata for (small) supporting/replication datasets; use ELG Metadata for larger resources such as corpora.
2. Formalize and strengthen the role of the Global Dataverse Community Consortium (GDCC) to maintain Dataverse-related resources.
3. Use recognized vocabulary services, or if not available, have them run them by CLARIN, GDCC or another suitable organization.
4. For tabular data, consider adopting the Cross-Linguistic Data Formats initiative (CLDF).



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Supporting Dataverse repositories Around the World

Cross-Linguistic Data Formats, advancing data sharing and re-use in comparative linguistics

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Thank you for your
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