Working Group 4: Quantifying and promoting diversity

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Workplan

This WG is transversal to WGs 1-3 and will focus on how the Action serves inter- and intra-linguistic diversity. Its activities will overlap with the 3 other WGs in:

1. **Networking** for diversity:

- bringing together pre-existing groups dedicated to NLP-applicable universality,
- integrating experts of (notably low-resourced) languages not yet covered by these groups,
- integrating experts in linguistic typology;

2. **Quantifying** diversity:

- designing measures of inter- and intra-linguistic diversity in language resources and tools,
- using these measures to quantify diversity in UD and PARSEME corpora;

3. Promoting diversity:

- procedures for better use of the existing resources, based on their estimated diversity,
- selecting new data to be annotated, so as to favour intra-linguistic diversity,
- designing evaluation scenarios which favour tools performing well on rare and diverse phenomena and low resourced languages,
- integrating and **training** new experts dedicated to low-resourced and endangered languages,
- validating the unified annotation guidelines (WG1) and lexicon formats (WG2) against newly included languages and defining new language-specific categories and extensions, if needed.
- coordinating the creation and enhancement of annotated corpora and lexica for low-resourced languages,
- discovering and analysing rare linguistic phenomena, and describing them in resources and tools.
- coordination of the development of NLP tools (WG3) for low-resourced and endangered languages.

Documents

- WG4 Meeting 1 slides and discussion summary 16-17 March 2023, Paris-Saclay University, France (co-located with UniDive 1st general meeting)
- WG4 online meetings summaries: September 4 2023 (full day), September 29 2023 (1h30), November 10 2023 (1h30)
- Digital Language Survival Kits by the DLDP project

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