

Title: **DARIAH-CZ: Digital Research Infrastructure for the Art and Humanities**

Acronym: **DARIAH-CZ**

Host institution: Charles University

Consortium:

- Masaryk University
- University of West Bohemia
- National Library of the Czech Republic
- Moravian Library in Brno
- The National gallery in Prague
- National Film Archive
- Library of the Czech Academy of Sciences
- Institute of Philosophy of the Czech Academy of Sciences
- Institute of History of the Czech Academy of Sciences

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The DARIAH-CZ Research Infrastructure is planned as a new addition to the Czech Republic's Research Infrastructure Roadmap, as a distributed national node of the pan-European DARIAH-EU network. It will put ten key institutions in the Czech Republic on the European Digital Humanities landscape. Czech Republic is expected to become a member of DARIAH ERIC, which governs the DARIAH network. DARIAH is a research infrastructure for arts and humanities scholars working with computational methods. It supports digital humanities in general and it is involved in educational activities. DARIAH's vision is to enhance and support digitally-enabled research across the arts and humanities, and to facilitate the provision of services for the digital arts and humanities research community in Europe and beyond. DARIAH connects several hundreds of scholars and dozens of research facilities and databases.

The unique mix of partners forming the DARIAH-CZ RI offers to Digital Humanities researchers millions of pages of digitized texts, thousands of items of bibliographical information, almost 400,000 pieces of artwork, large Czech national movie archive, thousands of pages of musical scores, digital maps linked to historical events, and hundreds of digitized artefacts to be connected and shared with the outside world. The proposed project partners have all subscribed to the idea of efficient access to digital data, open sharing whenever possible, development of common standards to provide metadata to the research community, and to the idea of mutual cooperation to enable efficient and modern research in Digital Humanities and to educate a new generation of researchers for whom digital research methods will become a natural norm.

The research focus of DARIAH-CZ will follow the DARIAH priorities within the expertise of the partners: literature, language and linguistics, literary and cultural history, history of the arts, general history and historical bibliography, philosophy, film and film history (including new media), visual art (2D and 3D), musicology and music-related cultural history, ethnology and folklore, archaeology and Egyptology and interdisciplinary studies. In addition, DARIAH-CZ will also be focused on methodology and teaching/learning in all of the above (sub)disciplines.

DARIAH-CZ will provide data and services to the Digital Humanities researchers in the Czech Republic and reciprocally to all researchers to whom DARIAH is accessible. It will provide fully Open Access metadata, Open Access to data whenever possible, original know-how for data digitization, curation, preservation, annotation (enrichment) and indexing, technology and software for efficient access (including specialized collections), education and training and general information to the research community and the general public. DARIAH-CZ will be constructed within a three-year period after the project start, and will become fully operational after that. A merger with the LINDAT/CLARIN RI at the beginning of its operational phase is planned, following the pattern in several European countries to bring closer the users of both DARIAH and CLARIN networks. Technically, it will comply with requirements of DARIAH (and CLARIN) ERICs, backed by a distributed network of data servers, in part in cooperation with CESNET. DARIAH-CZ has full support of its hosting and partner institutions. It will be managed in a transparent manner by a Management Board with all partners' representatives present, helped with an International Advisory Board which will provide guidance in strategic matters.