

LREC 2022 IN FRANCE, 20-25 MAY 2022

<https://lrec2022.lrec-conf.org/en/>



The 13th international conference on Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC) will be organized in 2022 by ELRA with the support of a wide range of international associations and institutions.

The conference will take place at the **Palais du Pharo**, in Marseille (France).

ELRA AND ITS AGENCY, ELDA

Founded in 1995, ELRA is a non-profit organization whose main mission is to make Language Resources (LRs) for Human Language Technologies (HLT) available to the community at large. To achieve this goal, ELRA carries out a wide variety of activities, including Identification & Distribution of LRs, Production & Validation of LRs, Technology Evaluation, Information Dissemination on HLT.

WHEN AND HOW DID IT START?

The history of ELRA starts in the late 1980s. Back then, the European Commission and some national agencies had encouraged and funded Language Engineering Research and Technology projects for nearly a decade but the Language Resources developed for/within these projects were either lost or very difficult to re-use. The Research community and their sponsors therefore decided to act on this issue and ELRA was created in March 1995, with the mission of providing a **central clearing house for Language Resources**.

ELDA, THE OPERATIONAL BODY OF ELRA

ELDA, the Evaluations and Language resources Distribution Agency is ELRA's operational body. It is responsible for the **development and execution of ELRA's strategy**. Daily operations are supervised by its Managing Director, who reports to the ELRA Board. The activities cover the **practical and legal concerns** related to the distribution of resources, including **legal advice** provided to ELRA members and suppliers, the management of **user and distribution agreements** on behalf of ELRA. ELDA is also actively involved in **production, evaluation and dissemination** activities.

THE ELRA BOARD

ELRA's management is entrusted to a Board which consists of 9 elected members, including a member representing the individual members, who reflect the various dimensions of the Language Resources and Evaluation field. Each Board member is elected on a 2 year-term by an open vote of the ELRA members at the General Assembly.



<http://www.elra.info/en/about/elra/elra-board/>

THE ELRA MEMBERS

ELRA members include institutions (academic groups and research laboratories) and companies (industrial and commercial organisations) from all over the world (nearly all the countries of the European Union are represented) and individual (researchers, users of LRs, etc.)

These institutions and companies belong to sectors like telecommunication, marketing, multilingual business, and deal with Human Language Technologies (HLT), especially speech, text and terminology.



<http://www.elra.info/en/join-elra/>

DISTRIBUTION & PRODUCTION OF LANGUAGE RESOURCES

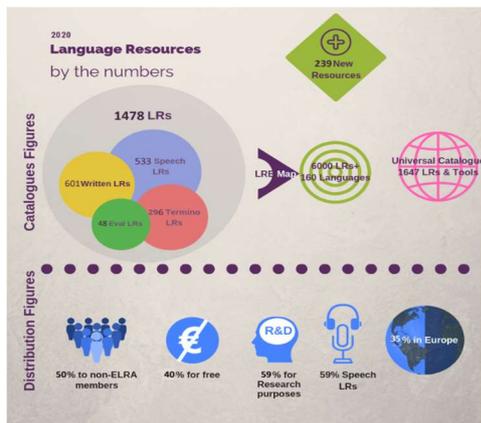
LICENSING & DISTRIBUTION

As part of its distribution activities, ELRA has developed a **Licensing Model** in order to simplify the relationships between the producers/providers of Language Resources and the users. All agreements have been drafted with the support of lawyers.

To **distribute** a large range of resources and make them visible worldwide, ELRA has set up the ELRA Catalogue, a dynamic website, allowing the browsing and retrieval of detailed information on Language Resources.



<http://catalog.elra.info>



Throughout the years, ELRA has developed an extended metadata set for the description of Language Resources. In the framework of its collaborative work, the ELRA Catalogue has been

exported into OLAC and META-SHARE standards by means of associating the ELRA metadata for describing LRs with the OLAC and METASHARE metadata.

OLAC <http://www.language-archives.org>

META-SHARE: <http://www.meta-share.eu>

PRODUCTION, A LONG-TERM EXPERTISE

Over the past 24 years, ELRA has compiled Language Resources (annotated corpora, corpora for MT evaluation, spoken LRs, etc.) in 30+ languages. This could be achieved thanks to the large network of partners worldwide that ELRA has built overtime. ELRA remains involved at every stage of the Language Resources production.

ELRA has produced Language Resources for over 30 technologies which include:

Automatic Speech Recognition	Monolingual textual Corpora
Broadcast News Transcription	Aligned Corpora for Machine Translation
Spoken Language Translation	Multilingual Named Entities Corpora
Spoken Language Understanding	Syntactic & Semantic annotations

Language Resources can be produced in the framework of a contract with individual organizations or may be created within EU-funded projects, national projects or International cooperation projects, and may eventually become available in the ELRA catalogue.

ISLRN

<http://www.islrn.org>

The **International Standard Language Resource Number (ISLRN)** is a universal identification schema that provides a unique identifier using a standardized nomenclature. Each Language Resource (LR) with an ISLRN can therefore be recognized with its proper reference.

LREC 2022 endorses the need to uniquely identify LRs through the use of ISLRN. The assignment of ISLRNs to LRs cited in LREC papers will be offered at submission time

