

CLARIN-LT

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Lithuania: ~3 million people; 1 national language (Lithuanian)

2015

Lithuania becomes a full CLARIN ERIC member.

2015-2023

Consortium, repository, K-centre expertise, resources, projects, training.

2024-2029

Dedicated Lithuanian Research Council funding secured.



<https://www.nationsonline.org/oneworld/map/lithuania-map.htm>

2015-2023



- **Creating INFRASTRUCTURE:** Repository + tools + resources
- **Raising COMMUNITY:** Universities + researchers + students + users
- **Providing EXPERTISE:** K-centre + legal + technical + FAIR + corpus expertise
- **INTERNATIONAL presence:** CLARIN committees + conferences + projects + training
- The consortium evolved from VMU/KTU/VU and subsequently expanded to MRU, BPTI, and KU BRIAI.

Recognition: from national initiative to established RI



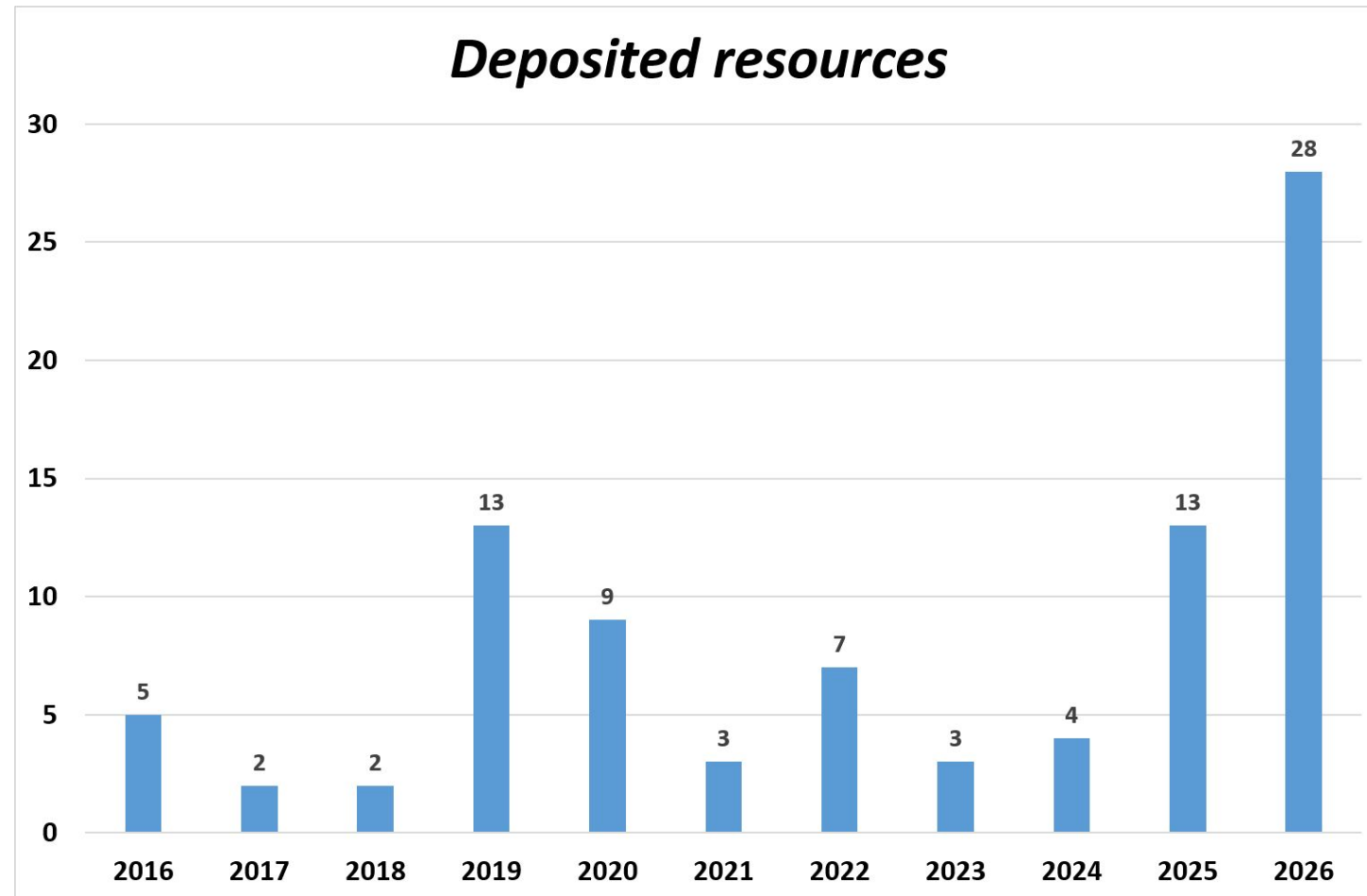
- **2014/2015 national Roadmap** (E-Lingua / CLARIN-LT) → **2020 Roadmap** (CLARIN-LT retained) → **2024 Roadmap** (CLARIN-LT again included)
- **STATUS: ESTABLISHED + MATURE.**

2024–2029 CLARIN-LT Membership Plan

- The five-year project involves VMU as coordinator and VU and MRU as partners.
- As a result: new people can be hired, repository updated, CLARIN-LT strategy published; resources increase, training activities are growing, visibility increases, new partnerships are established, and new projects are being developed.

From the 2025 annual report

- **15,589** repository logins
- **8,625** total downloads
- **13** new resources deposited
- **52** external events followed/participated in by the consortium





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Highlights

- In April, 2025, the State Digital Solution Agency (SDSA) and Vytautas Magnus University signed an agreement under which all language resources developed during 11 SDSA projects funded through the Resilience and Recovery Facility (RRF) programme “New generation Lithuania” were agreed to be deposited in CLARIN-LT repository.
- This is a very significant achievement for the CLARIN-LT consortium, as its repository has become the main platform for preserving and providing access to the outputs of this 26M state-funded programme.



Highlights

While waiting for the new resources, in 2025-2026 the CLARIN-LT repository has undergone the major technical update:

1. We have changed our old DSpace database into v7.
2. We have moved to a new machine.
3. We have installed Cloudflare to fight the bots.
4. We have expanded the storage capacity by employing NAS equipment.



Highlights



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NEW GENERATION
LITHUANIA

- In 2026, 20 resources were deposited in the CLARIN-LT repository, including the 3.9-billion-word General Lithuanian language corpus and the 10,000-hour Lithuanian speech corpus.
- Most of the resources can be freely downloaded under newly designed NewGenLTU openRAIL-D licenses.

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Universal Dependencies (UD) Annotation Standard for Lithuanian
(Vytautas Magnus University, 2026-05-27) Rimkutė, Erika; Bielinskienė, Agnė; Boizou, Loic; Kamandulytė-
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Personally Identifiable Information Corpus (NUS)
(Vytautas Magnus University, 2026-05-25) Vytautas Magnus University; Kaunas University of Technology



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Summarisation Corpus
(Vytautas Magnus University, 2026-05-25) Vytautas Magnus University; Vilnius University

Active Outreach (e.g. 2026)

- Introducing CLARIN-LT activities and K-centres to the newly appointed university officials and administrators.
- Introducing ourselves to university institutes.
- Invited lectures to other consortium members/universities – student audience, librarians.
- Addressing study programme committees on integrating CLARIN content throughout the programme systematically (meetings and correspondence).
- NEW: invited lectures at a secondary school for teachers and students.
- Conference presentations.
- CLARIN events (e.g., 2026 University Curricula Workshop; Annual CLARIN Conference).

Examples of our contribution to CLARIN

- **Governance:** National Coordinators Forum, Trainer's network, KIC, UI, Legal / other committees.
- **Knowledge:** SAFMORIL and ELEXIS K-centres; monitoring annual K-centre questionnaire.
- **Resources:** Lithuanian corpora, tools, standards, terminology, oral history, AI datasets.
- **Research:** international publications.
- **Outreach:** blogs, Tour de CLARIN, CLARIN cafe, IMPACT story contributions, etc.
- **Training:** (co-)organizing events.
- **CLARIN agreement:** signed.

New Impact Story: Ukrainian History Course in Response to the War in Ukraine

Submitted by k.j.bierger@uu.nl on 21 November 2022



This impact story shines the spotlight on one of the initiatives in response to the invasion of Ukraine that CLARIN has supported. The distance learning course "Ukrainian History" was developed by two friends and colleagues, based in Ukraine and Lithuania, as an example of collaboration between EU universities and Ukrainian researchers. The short distant learning course covers the history of Ukraine and its statehood, beginning with the Kyivan Rus' state and its Ukrainian principalities (9th-13th c.) and then traces Ukraine's historical development and its struggle for independence until the present day.

Read more [here](#).

Further goals

- need to expand the number of experts, as now the expertise is concentrated in a relatively small number of people;
- need to involve more Lithuanian research institutions;
- need to expand beyond linguistics into SSH and public-sector users;
- need to ensure funding continuity at the end of the current project;
- aim to achieve B centre status;
- <...>

In sum:

Language resilience through CLARIN-LT

- built and sustained a national language research infrastructure largely through community effort,
- gained national strategic recognition,
- secured dedicated funding in 2024,
- now evolving from a repository and language-resource infrastructure into a broader national ecosystem connecting FAIR data, SSH research, language technologies and AI.