

Project ID:**7F14047****Reporting period:****1. 10. 2014 – 31. 12. 2014**

Evaluation Report of the Project

Recommended outline of opponent s review

1. **Evaluation of project periodic/final report**
2. **Evaluation of activities, outputs and objectives of the project set in the decision on the provision of the institutional support including its annexes** (herein after referred to as “decision”)
 - a) The progress and results of the project, conceptual clarity of project realization, compliance with project time schedule, achievement of the project objectives set in the decision.
 - b) Utilization and exploitation of results of the project (currently and in the future) ...
3. **Evaluation of scientific realization of project**
 - a) *The scientific level of the project, professional quality of team, its balance and readiness ...*
 - b) *Comparability of project in the Czech Republic and abroad ...*
4. **Assessment of actual incurred expenditure of project**
5. **Requirements on project report modification**
6. **Final evaluation of project**

1. Evaluation of project – periodic report

This report evaluates the first short period (3 months) of the project solving. The main attention has been paid to the specification of the corpora and corpus building modules, and requirements for word-sketch grammars and tools that will be used for gathering data. During the last weeks of year 2014, the first requirements for word-sketch grammars were defined (this part of work should be completed by the end of January 2015). A first version of the Amharic corpus was successfully build and the cleaned and de-duplicated version contains a lot of words (about 9 million), which is about a half of the targeted final version. The full version is planned to be completed in the ninth month of the project.

Two deliverables from the WP1 of the project are in progress – 1) preparation of the first version of specification and the corpus building module, and 2) draft of the specification of word sketch grammars and tools. These documents should be completed and evaluated in the sixth month of the project, These results are described in detail at the sixth page of the report.

2. Evaluation of activities, outputs and objectives of the project set in the decision on the provision of the institutional support including its annexes

The first WP was processed during the first three months of project solving – the title of this working package is System integration and the first steps of this WP were finished. The following objectives belong to this WP:

- to define the overall system specifications,
- to integrate and test all software modules produced in WP4-WP6 in an iterative way,
- to create a demo website to illustrate the project to end users and potential stakeholders
- to create the overall integrated system

Two deliverables were prepared – D1.1.2 ‘First version of specification and the corpus building mode in M4’ and D1.1.3 – ‘Draft of specification of word-sketch grammars and tools in M4’. Both these deliverables will be finalized to Feb 2015.

The MS1 milestone has been achieved in the form of a kick-off meeting. The meeting was held on Nov 20-21 2014 in Brno with the participation of both partners.

3. Evaluation of scientific realization of project

The Project Management Board was established in November 2014; its members are Karel Pala from MU and Björn Gambäck from NTNU. These members can be substituted by WP leaders when appropriate. The project plan has had to be revised due to the delays in the funding decision and in the contract signing process, as well as in the communication of the envisioned revised project start date and project period. In effect, almost all milestones and deliverables have been moved forward in time and the project plan been compressed in order to account for the shortened project time. More about the project solving cannot be said during very late starting time of the project. Monitoring of the technical content and progress is run by the Project Management Board, which consists of the team leaders of each party. Administrative issues, including day-to-day operations, and regular project management are handled by the Project Promoter.

During the first three months of the project, an analysis of possible activities and outputs was prepared in both countries. The main focus and communication platform of the project will be presented at the project website, which is under development. Within the first six months of the project an up-to-date website with information for each group of possible audiences will be prepared.

Both partners further organize promotion actions for the general public, so such potential events will be taken into account and presentations of the project will be completely prepared.

4. Assessment of actual incurred expenditure of project

Due to the delayed start of the project the expenditures have been considerably lower than it was expected (1 resp. 3 months instead of 7 months). The detailed expenditures are shown at the page 16 of the report and presented amounts of money can be accepted without substantial remarks.

5. Requirements on project report modification

There are no such requirements.

6. Final evaluation of project

Both the planned work packages and related tasks have been fully or partially (second) carried out. All the planned deliverables have been delivered. I recommend the work continuation without plan changes.

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Statement of opponent:

I declare that I have been given all the necessary information about the project and all the required documents for assessing of this project from the principal investigator, and I was solely driven by objective considerations.

Date: 18. 01. 2015

Signature:

