



INTRODUCTION TO THE DARIAH WORKING GROUPS

WHAT IS A DARIAH WORKING GROUP?

DARIAH Working Groups are self-organised, transnational, collaborative groups which have their roots in existing communities of practice. They are different in size and composition depending on their research and service goals.

The creation of DARIAH Working Groups follows the need of communities to foster innovative scholarly practices and to provide the infrastructure to support them.

In turn, participation in existing DARIAH Working Groups is a means to consolidate infrastructure and scholarship in certain areas of research, and to create or reinforce the network of expertise inside of DARIAH.

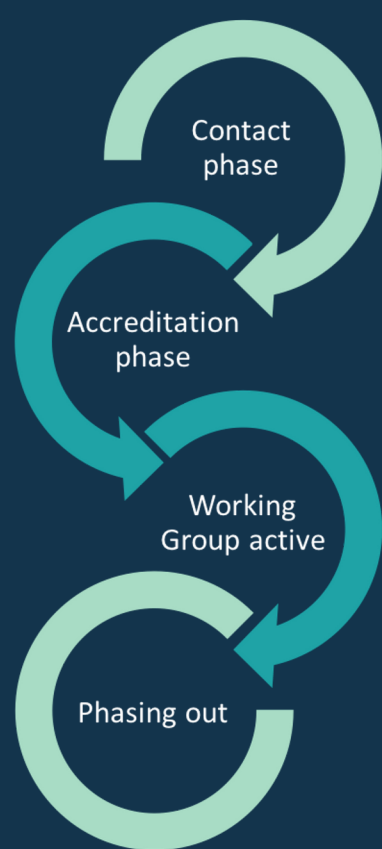
HOW TO CREATE A WORKING GROUP?

The forming of a WG is a bottom-up approach: usually a group of researchers, experts in their own field, or those who wish to learn more on a specific topic, have the initial idea to establish a Working Group.

WHY CREATE A WORKING GROUP?

- To form a new research community or connect existing communities
- To promote new methods
- To design a service
- To create/debate and distribute standards and guidelines
- To create new projects or sustain project results
- To continue projects that have produced interesting outputs, and that are worthy of further developments

PROCESS AND LIFECYCLE OF A WORKING GROUP



Consultation, brainstorming, application template filled in and proposal submitted to DARIAH **Chief Integration Office Team**

Evaluation of the proposal by the **Joint Research Committee**, iterative cycle of adapting the proposal to align with DARIAH strategy, evaluation of final proposal by the Board of Directors

Active participation of WGs in **VCCs**, DARIAH Annual Events & cross-WG activities, reporting and communication of activities

Measures taken for 'hibernating' or dissolving a Working Group if inactive

PRINCIPLES FOR RUNNING A DARIAH WORKING GROUP

1. WGs should meet regularly (as defined by the group)
2. WGs should document their meetings and share this documentation with DARIAH
3. WGs should be open to new contributors and be responsive to approaches from potential new members
4. WGs are self-organised, but should know that the DARIAH Chief Integration Office is available as a resource in case of any management challenges or conflicts within the group

BENEFITS OF RUNNING A DARIAH WORKING GROUP

- Access to a transnational community to share knowledge, to develop new practices and tools, and to coordinate communities, which are both visible and accredited
- Access to platforms for tools, services, and data (the document repository HAL, DARIAH Wiki etc) to be further integrated into the future DARIAH Marketplace
- Access to training and education modules to enable adoption of digital methods and tools
- Policy Guidance to ensure a receptive environment for our communities' needs.
- Access to special funding schemes

Read the **Working Groups Policy Statement** for more

