



DARIAH's Board of Directors is looking for a new member (0,5 FTE)

DARIAH, the Digital Research Infrastructure for the Arts and Humanities, is a European research infrastructure which aims to enhance and support digitally-enabled research and teaching across the arts and humanities. DARIAH's mission is to empower research communities with digital methods to create, connect and share knowledge about culture and society. We maintain an infrastructure that supports researchers working in the diverse community of practice known as the arts and humanities to build, analyse and interpret digital or hybrid resources. DARIAH was established as a European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC) in August 2014 and is one of the Landmarks on the Roadmap of the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI). In 2021, the consortium is composed of 20 member countries and 1 observer, as well as many cooperating partners across 9 non-member countries.

The Board of Directors is the executive body of the DARIAH ERIC and its legal representative. It is composed of 3 members, each working on a part-time basis (0,5 FTE). We are looking to appoint a new member of the Board of Directors from **01 January 2022**, who will work closely with the two other existing members.

Applicants for this position should be:

- an active researcher with significant experience in the application of digital methods to arts and humanities research and a good understanding of what a research infrastructure entails.
- an inspirational leader, with a proven track record of managing national and international organisations or projects.
- a flexible and gifted communicator, able to advocate for DARIAH's interests across disciplines and countries, with scientific, political and general audiences.

Role of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is appointed by, and accountable to the General Assembly, the representative body of all member countries. The role of the Board of Directors is to provide leadership, to devise and implement the strategy of DARIAH, to represent the infrastructure at European and international level and to supervise the projects and operations of the consortium. The Board is advised in its missions by various governance bodies such as the Senior Management Team, the Scientific Board and the Joint Research Committee. Moreover, the Board is supported by the DARIAH Coordination Office, which is composed of 10 individuals carrying out the daily tasks of the infrastructure. Further details about the DARIAH ERIC organisational structure can be found at:

<https://www.dariah.eu/about/organisation-and-governance/>

The responsibilities of the Board of Directors are:

- To provide leadership for DARIAH ERIC
- To set up and implement strategic objectives, directions and activities in accordance with the will of the General Assembly
- To be the legal representative of DARIAH ERIC, i.e. signing all contracts, agreements and other binding documents
- To represent DARIAH ERIC before all European, international and national authorities and courts and function as its primary contact
- To ensure the availability of adequate financial resources and prepare the budget
- To contribute to the growth of the organisation by acquiring new members and partners
- To report DARIAH activities to the General Assembly
- To oversee the management of the DARIAH Coordination Office
- To monitor DARIAH ERIC's performance in relation to its strategic objectives
- To enforce the Statutes and the Internal Rules of Procedure
- To oversee the preparation of the annual report
- To supervise the Senior Management Team

The three members of the Board of Directors are recruited so as to bring complementary skill sets to the leadership of the ERIC. For the current recruitment, it will be a plus for DARIAH if the candidate director has management skills in the development and sustainability of technical and data infrastructures.

Profiles of the current and continuing directors can be found here:

<https://www.dariah.eu/about/organisation-and-governance/#board-of-directors>

Application Procedure

If you wish to apply, please send an email to Chris De Loof, Chair of the General Assembly, chris.delooof@belspo.be and cc: recruitment@dariah.eu including:

- a 2-3 page CV, outlining your research activities and strategic leadership experience
- a covering letter in support of your application
- The names and contact details of at least two referees
- a 2-3 page document outlining your vision for DARIAH for the next 3 years.

Applications will be acknowledged by email. If you do not have confirmation of receipt within 3 working days after submitting your application online, please get in touch with us. Note that your personal data will be held securely and treated confidentially. The collection and processing of your personal data will be detailed in the confirmation of receipt you will receive per email. You can also consult our [privacy notice](#) for more information.

The closing date for applications is **24 October 2021**.

For informal enquiries please contact:

- Jennifer Edmond, President of the Board of Directors, DARIAH ERIC:
jennifer.edmond@dariah.eu
- Chris De Loof, Belgian Science Policy Adviser and Chair of DARIAH General Assembly: chris.deloof@belspo.be

Decision process

DARIAH ERIC is an equal opportunities employer and is committed to use employment policies, procedures and practices which do not discriminate on grounds such as gender, marital status, family status, age, disability, race, religious belief, sexual orientation or membership of the travelling community.

A selection committee composed of members of the General Assembly and members of the Board of Directors will review the applications using criteria common to all applicants. There are five of them:

- Scientific/technical experience relevant for DARIAH
- Ability to represent DARIAH and networking skills
- Strategic thinking, planning and implementation
- Management experience in similar fields/projects (human resources, project management, finance, legal, etc.)
- Capacity to maintain good relations with the existing members and partners and to open up memberships for other countries

Short-listed candidates will be interviewed by the selection committee between the **1 and 4 November 2021**.

Please note that we will inform unsuccessful candidates as soon as possible after the decisions of the selection committee.

Terms and Conditions

A director is appointed for a term of three years, renewable once.

An envelope of €57,434 (with a yearly increase of 2%) is available per year to fund the director's contribution (0,5 FTE) to DARIAH. It is anticipated that DARIAH directors will be seconded from their home institution but in exceptional circumstances a direct contract with DARIAH ERIC can also be considered.