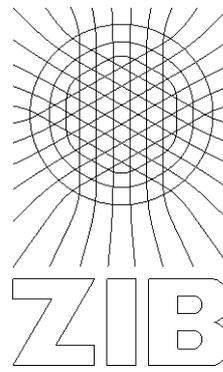


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Dear President Grötschel,

I hereby express the strong interest of the Zuse Institute Berlin (ZIB) in participating in the establishment of the NFDI Consortium TEXT+. ZIB has been active in TEXT+'s field of activity for many years, for example within the framework of the Berlin-Brandenburg Cooperative Library Network (KOBV) or with the Berlin-based Research and Competence Center Digitilization (digiS), an institution for cross-disciplinary consulting, support and coordination of digitilization projects.

ZIB has always been concerned with interlinking research with conceptual and content-related advice, as well as the provision of technical support and cutting-edge infrastructure. We have seen the questionnaires to explain the participation, but think that currently a detailing of possible contributions from our institute is not yet appropriate. We are ready to participate in TEXT+ with regard to the provision of technical services and of the required infrastructure. ZIB has the technical capabilities, to store even very large amounts of data, to offer secure archive functions, and to provide corresponding research services online. However, we believe that this offer should be supplemented by a dedicated consultation concept for users of infrastructure services.

With regard to the provision of technical infrastructure, no separate personnel would be required; ZIB could offer such services against reimbursement of costs in consultation with the consortium. The integration of consultation services, however, would require additional staff including funding.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Christof Schütte'.