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Letter of Intent

OPERAS, the *European Research Infrastructure for the development of open scholarly communication in the social sciences and humanities*, is pleased to express its support for the Consortium Text+.

OPERAS is a distributed Research Infrastructure gathering 40 organizations from 16 countries and led by a 9 member core group. Its main goal is to coordinate and pool university-led scholarly communication activities in the Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH), in view of enabling Open Science as the standard practice. OPERAS coordinate services, practices and technology across main actors in the SSH scholarly communication in Europe. Its aims to provide joint services, to mutualize activities of strategic scholarly communication actors, to develop common standards for digital open access publishing, to explore alternative measurements of impact and to offer sustained training along common standards to researchers.

OPERAS considers the Text+ initiative of enormous importance as it is essential to support the data management by broadening the concept of research data and building a bridge between SSH data and the EOSC. In addition, the concerns of the Text+ initiative show significant correlations to the activities of CO-OPERAS, our implementation network intended to organize and supervise the implementation of research data in SSH according to the principles of the GO-FAIR initiative. By clarifying the different aspects of the FAIRification process, the several working groups of CO-OPERAS contribute to a better integration of SSH research data into the EOSC as an important part of the IFDS. Therfore, we expressely support the efforts of Text+ to build and expand a comprehensive data and service portfolio and to establish a governance structure that intend to cooperate with European research infrastructures like OPERAS. We will encourage members of CO-OPERAS-IN to actively participate in the work of Text and our particular concern would be to ensure an intensive exchange of expertise and best practices between OPERAS members and the Text+ consortium in the field of research data management and the FAIRification process in the

humanities. In particular, we believe that a continuous exchange of information with the TEXT+ consortium will provide essential impulses for the activities of the CO-OPERAS working groups, especially for the WGs *FAIR Data Definition* and *Standards Survey and Mapping*. OPERAS will also support the dissemination of the Text+ mission among OPERAS members and is open to cooperation through workshops and conferences

In the light of the above, OPERAS strongly supports the application of the Text+ consortium.

With kind regards

On behalf of OPERAS Core Group,

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