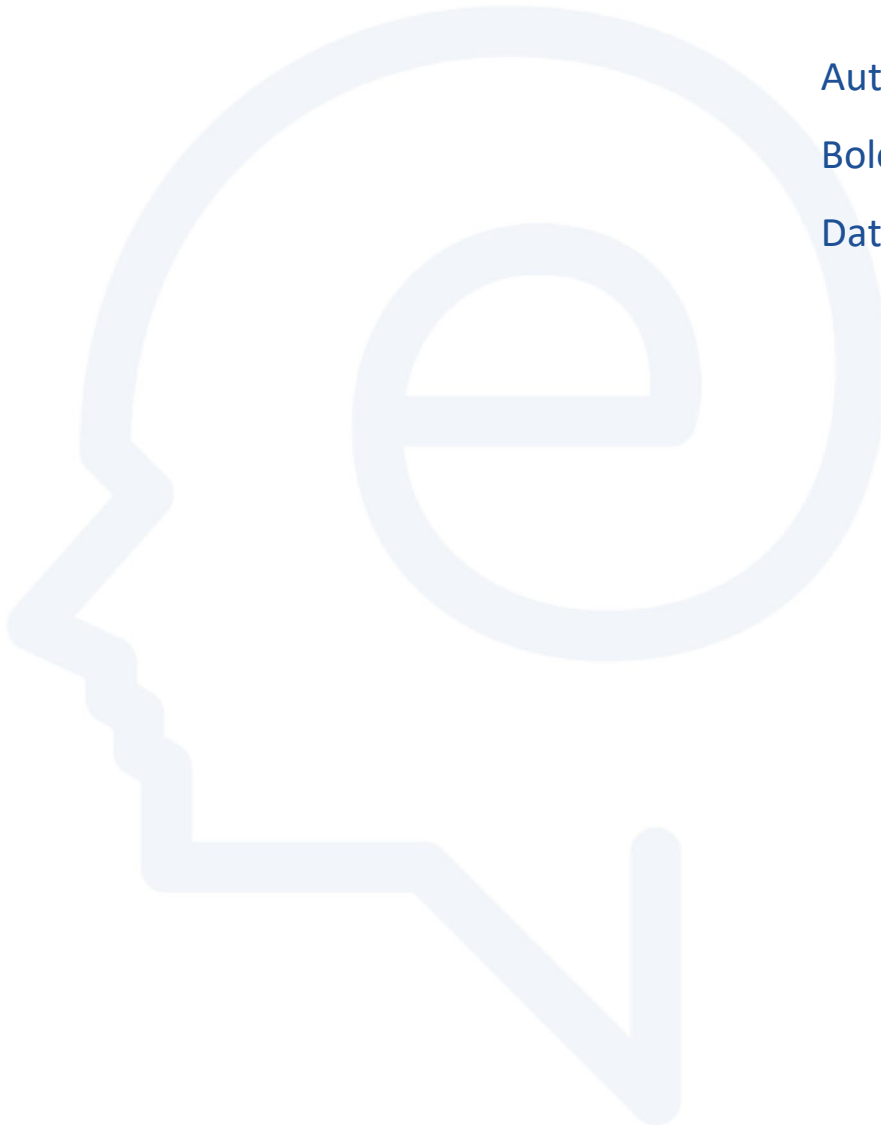


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1 Introduction: Trans-national access – Year 3

This deliverable presents the results of *year three* of the transnational access program of the ELEXIS project. However, results are very sparse due to the Covid19 pandemic since none of the already planned visits have taken place. Also no new calls have been launched.

Since the 4th call winter 2019, three visits from the third call and all six visits granted in the 4th call have been awaiting the evolution of the pandemic situation.

We recently contacted the grant holders who had not been able to visit yet. Fortunately, all nine grant holders expressed an interest in visiting whenever traveling will be safe and possible. All the hosts also confirmed that they would still be very willing to host these visits. However, no visits have been planned yet – only tentative plans for visits to some countries have been made.

It is still being discussed whether to launch a 5th call late summer 2021.

2 Awaiting visits and new call

The visits that have been granted but not realised yet are shown in figure 1.

Granted in which call	Country of grant holder	Status grant holder (Project still ongoing etc.)	Name of host	Status of host (still possible to host the visitor/project etc)
Call 3	Republic of North Macedonia	Yes, but visit date unpredictable due to Covid-19	SL-JSI	Ok from host
Call 3	Spain	Yes, but visit not possible until Spring 2022	HU-RILMTA	Ok from host
Call 3	Albania	Yes, project still ongoing	DK-DSL-UCPH	Ok from host
Call 4	Poland	Yes, project still ongoing	NL-INT	Ok from host
Call 4	Slovakia	Yes, project still ongoing	SL-JSI	Ok from host
Call 4	Croatia	Yes, project still ongoing	SL-JSI	Ok from host
Call 4	Spain	Yes, project still ongoing	AT-OEAW	Ok from host
Call 4	Iceland	Yes, project still ongoing	DK-DSL-UCPH	Ok from host
Call 4	Croatia	Yes, project still ongoing	EE-EKI	OK from host

Figure 1. Overview of pending visits and status of the projects.

All the grant holders confirmed that they still want to visit when traveling will again be possible and safe. One grant holder had some other obligations and would have to postpone the visit until spring 2022. The grant holder from the Republic of North Macedonia was very unsure of a possible date due to the pandemic situation in his country. All the host institutions still had time and possibility to host the visits when the pandemic situation improves.

It was discussed at the latest Project Management Board meeting whether to launch a 5th call late Summer 2021. This decision will depend on the progress of the pandemic situation and a final decision on this will not be made until late August.

3 Re-allocation of funds

The pandemic situation has made it almost impossible for the hosting infrastructures to achieve the planned amount of visits (three per institution) and accordingly to spend the budget allocated to this task. If all the pending visits are realised, five hosting infrastructures will have had the number of visits foreseen in the Grant Agreement while the six remaining infrastructures will have had less.

At the latest Project Management Board meeting it was decided that each partner will have to consider whether it is likely that they will have enough visitors to spend the budget and otherwise start planning the re-allocation of the funds. At the next PMB a common decision on what to do regarding this matter will be made.

4 Scientific results

Since no visits have taken place since last year, no list of new scientific reports from the grant holders can be shown. However, a conference paper on the outcomes of the

transnational access program has been published. The work was presented at the CLARIN Annual Conference 2020 and an extended version of the paper was selected for the publication: 'Selected Papers from the CLARIN Annual Conference 2020'. The title of the paper is: *Stimulating Lexicographical Knowledge Exchange via Trans-national Access – the ELEXIS Travel Grants as a Use Case* and can be found here: <https://ecp.ep.liu.se/index.php/clarin/article/view/19/19>.

5 Concluding remarks

The pandemic situation has influenced the transnational program of ELEXIS very negatively. The visits carried out before the pandemic indicated that the program had the potential to become a great success. The grant holders who completed research visits are now seen presenting at conferences, writing papers – playing an active role in the European lexicographic society. All in all, the project's goal of stimulating knowledge exchange between lexicographical research facilities, infrastructures and resources throughout Europe can be seen as being partly reached even if the pandemic has prevented further visits since March 2020.

The project will endeavour to carry out as many visits as possible depending on the pandemic situation. The PMB will decide on a common solution as to what will be done concerning re-allocation of the budget allocated to this task.