

# Workshop on visibility and availability of LT resources

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## PREFACE

It is our impression that restrictions on the general accessibility of language resources often are caused by simple unawareness of the needs of the language technology providers or by unfamiliarity with the formal procedures for making data available rather than by deliberate attempts to keep resources closed.

The restricted access to many of the available cross- and multilingual Nordic LT resources is not only harmful for the minority languages of the Nordic countries, it also hinders further development of richer tools and end-user aids for the languages used in Nordic collaboration.

The workshop aims at clarifying existing possibilities for easy dissemination of language resources and encourage the collaboration between Nordic LT communities through stronger focus on open-source resources and clear licensing options.

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