

Researcher Exchange Proposal

Institutions: ZHAW – Zurich University of Applied Sciences,
UniPD – Università di Padova

Objective: Integration Best Practices with Infrastructure, Testing of Infrastructure Prototype with "Mini-Campaign"

Description: ZHAW is responsible for Task 2.5 "Best Practices in Multilingual and Multimedia Information Access". UniPD is lead in Tasks 3.2 "Specification of the Evaluation Infrastructure Architecture" and 3.3 "Development of the Evaluation Infrastructure". It has emerged from already conducted work (Report on Best Practices Elaboration and Work on User Requirements for the Evaluation Infrastructure), as well as from personal communication between ZHAW and UniPD, that these tasks are interlinked and have great potential for synergies in both directions. Specifically, the elaboration of best practices is foreseen to make extensive use of the data gathered in the evaluation infrastructure to generalize findings and check for completeness. On the other hand, the best practices emerging from WP2 should be stored and curated in the infrastructure developed within WP3, allowing experiments to be annotated with respect to their adherence to the best practices. Possibly, best practices for handling of experiments in the infrastructure could also be elaborated. Ultimately, there is potential to use the infrastructure in conjunction with the best practices for validation and certification tasks. To what degree this will be possible is subject to exploration, but we hope for interesting opportunities with respect to the exploitation of Promise results after the termination of the network.

Secondly, ZHAW currently runs a "mini evaluation campaign" in the context of a information retrieval course taught for bachelor students. From personal communication between ZHAW and UniPD it has emerged that there is potential to use the data generated during this mini campaign for tests of the evolving infrastructure. We plan to explore these opportunities further during the exchange.

Parameters of the exchange:

Nicola Ferro/UniPD visits Martin Braschler/ZHAW for two-three days in calendar week 24 (week of June 13th).