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Questionnaire about competence development in the area of Digital Humanities

The objective of this questionnaire as part of an activity, a phase 1 of 1 the 'Increasing Digital Competences within Humanities'. The idea behind the project is, that the required competence development within Digital Humanities will be stimulated through easy access to well documented material.

The purpose of stimulating the uptake of research within Digital Humanities is to ensure easy access to well planned and well documented course material.

As Digital Humanities are a very broad area we choose to focus on research based on large text-based collections and on some of the basic skills such as programming. For more info, see (further information will be added to this page:) <https://neic.no/ratatosk/>

Advances of digitalization within Humanities opens up for new research questions. One can explore patterns and relations in a much more systematic way and the digitalization opens up for completely new possibilities to study almost all aspects of life (Smart Cities, smart rooms, robots, social media, IT in health etc.). The use of new possibilities requires new digital skills and raises questions to the legal and ethical aspects of Humanities. The advance of digitalization therefore has consequences also for the faculties of Humanities and Arts, as they will need to allow researchers as well as students to engage in new competence development activities.

The following questionnaire is developed to identify areas of common interest in the Nordic countries within topic areas such as:

- Existing or planned work on developing strategies for competence development within Digital Humanities
- Existing or planned work on data management; does the university or the faculty provide relevant services supporting the research community
- Work on implementing the GDPR directive
- Common practices addressing the ethical challenges.
- Common practice in supporting the communication- and publication activities

Furthermore, as Digital Humanities is a very broad area, we choose to focus on one more specialized area, namely competence development supporting research based on large text-based collections created either through digitalization (books, journals and newspapers) or by collecting born digital material.

These specialized questions will address issues around the building of the corpora (e.g. access, legal issues), the analysis and the visualization.

Kindly note the deadline for replying to this questionnaire is Friday **May 18, 2018**.

Your contribution to this questionnaire is highly appreciated and we thank you for your time.