Discussion of Concept: SUSTAINABLE

AGATE Service and Information Hub
Part 1 - Community

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Component A (AGATE Search Function) → Component B (Service and Information Hub)
Main requirements

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- Information about AGATE (mission, organisation, participating academies, partners, team, publications)
- Guides and trainings
  - that enable academies’ researchers to create an entry in the project database
  - that enable academies’ researchers to prepare data (digital, resources) and repositories in a way that they can be harvested for the metadata repository of the search function
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Challenges:

- AGATE wants to meet the needs of various groups of users with different levels of digital competence
- AGATE has to find its place within a rich landscape of existing SSH Research Infrastructures
2) Provision of Information materials and services for European academies’ researchers

Recommendations:

• strong participatory involvement of the main targeted user group, the academies’ researchers, in the development of the contents

• Strong partnerships with existing Research Infrastructures and service providers, adoption and enrichment of existing solutions for academies’ context

• Development of new solutions where no providers have emerged to date
Example 1: Cooperation of academies with Research Infrastructures

SASSH study revealed the European infrastructures relevant to SSH long term research are still not very well known.

AGATE would not only point to relevant infrastructure projects but also show potentials for collaboration by success stories – in form of portraits and interviews with representatives of academies that already contribute data.

Positive Effects:
- better **findability** and **visibility** of academies’ research material and output
- more data would be **reused**
Example 2: Digital tools and applications developed by the academies

There already exist collections of digital research tools (DiRT directory, TeLeMaCo, DARIAH tools, CLARIN tools)

But: Digital tools and applications from the academies are only occasionally present

AGATE would not only point to existing registries, but also create a space where tools developed by the European Academies can be presented, searched and discussed („Tool of the month“)

Positive Effects:
- better findability of the European Academies’ DH efforts and contributions
- Pooling of resources, more cooperation between European academies
- Facilitated knowledge exchange between ICT-experts and SSH scholars
Example 3: Services that facilitate communication and strengthen the community

The European academies currently lack a central forum to publish and point to new proposals, digital tools and research results and to discuss current SSH activities and developments

Relevant information is (sometimes) distributed on the websites of individual academies or via discipline or country specific channels

AGATE would establish a central communication platform for the specific community of academies’ researchers (blogs, mailing lists, discussion groups)

**Positive Effects:**
- Increased **knowledge exchange** between special interest groups
- Facilitation of **cooperations** between European academies and beyond
Example 4: Services that facilitate cooperation and collaboration in international teams

At the moment, there is no central service offer for the academies’ context that enables researchers to document work practices, share and annotate research data

AGATE could serve as a promoter of relevant existing tools (project management tools, video conferences), but also work on developing academy-specific solutions (e.g. cloud services, virtual workspaces)

Positive Effects:
- Facilitation of collaborative work in existing project teams
- Enhancement of further international cooperations
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Provision of Information materials and services of the academies for the SSH research community and broader public

At present, information about research activities of the European academies is dispersed on numerous websites. AGATE would create a central access point with information and service offers relevant for SSH researchers and a broader public.

**Added values:**

1) time-saving possibility for SSH researchers and non-specialist users for fast overview and orientation
2) Better findability and reuse of research data and outcome
3) More reuse of existing technical solutions
Scenario of implementation: 2-phased approach

First stage:
Provision of more static contents and establishment of communication platform

Second stage:
Flexible and dynamic character with strong user input/participation
STAGE 1

Discover the rich research activities and digital resources of the European Academies
> Try the AGATE Search Function

AGATE in a nutshell: Our mission and our working plan
> read more in About

Present your research activity and share your digital resources now! Learn how to create your project entry in the AGATE database
> read more in Services
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**STAGE 2**

- AGATE offers 15 places for Summer School on new trends in music editions
  > read more in Workshops & Trainings
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  > try our AGATE Search
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  > read more in Services
- Spot on Digital Editions Interview with the Coordinator of the new Humboldt-edition
  > read more in Interviews
- Tool of the month: pan-European academies’ team presents innovative tool for e-dictionaries
  > read more in Services
- How academies’ libraries benefit from Europeana – a working report from Budapest
  > read more in Working Reports
Community building and science communication

- Possibility to **publish, point to and discuss** new proposals, digital tools and research results
  - e.g. Hypotheses.org (multilingual publication platform for academic blogs)
  - monolingual/national DH blogs like [http://dhd-blog.org/](http://dhd-blog.org/) (German)

AGATE would serve as the first community platform with focus on the SSH research of the European academies

**added value** for
- the community of academies’ researchers
- the SSH community as a whole
- general public