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Dear all,

Bára has made an excellent overview of the past year at ÚFAL - I don't have neither such great skills nor memory, so I will maybe rather look a bit forward...

Nevertheless, I would first like to THANK VERY MUCH to all - the LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ staff at ÚFAL as well as those who are contributing resources, tools and services to it and of course also to all who are using it (so I guess that means nearly everybody on this list...). Your work and/or support contributed to LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ another successful year, not only because of the good results of the Ministry's evaluation (as Bára has already reminded us in her summary), but overall. We have added many resources (including the usual two editions of UD), tools, and improved several services - the enclosed PF reminds us that our document-level CUBBITT MT is one of the best for translation between Czech and English. My biggest thanks go, however, and not surprisingly, to our LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ technical core team and the IT support - without them, we won't be able to provide any of the above. At the same time, I would like to extend my special thanks to the ÚFAL's management - both current and past - who were and continue to be extremely helpful and in fact essential to LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ success and its seamless integration with the Institute. Last but not least, my thanks go to the administrators and project managers, especially of the LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ core projects and international collaborations, and to all who manage the other related project as well.

Now the forward looking part: we have another year ahead, the last in the current project period. There are even more uncertainties than at the beginning of 2021: the course of COVID-19 is in flux, and so are finances after the new government announced that the state budget will undergo a complete overhaul. All EU projects directly or indirectly related to LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ will be over, too, as are some GAČR grants and some other national grants will end soon, too. This brings a tremendous pressure to all budgets - ÚFAL's as well as LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ's and other projects'. We have absolutely no information as of yet what happens to these already tight budgets - we will certainly let you know as soon as we know. From this point of view, it is imperative that everybody tries to contribute, by submitting GAČR, TAČR, OP or international projects to hedge against possible cuts; we are very grateful to those who have already done so during 2021, be it GAČR or Horizon Europe projects, the fate of most of which we will know in the spring. Let me also especially thank (and congratulate again) to those who already know they have been successful - both in GAČR and at the European Commission! (Now, maybe I should repeat and stress that we are primarily here to teach and do excellent research - but we do need money exactly for that...)

The task of LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ, as you know, is to support research in CL/NLP/LT (you know what I mean...) and in Digital Humanities. We also have partners who help us do so. At least in 2022, we are sure we will be able to provide such support, and hope to be able to do so even after that, for you to be able to do YOUR research, as Ph.D. students, researchers, or

teams on larger projects. One of positive news I can share now is that, together with the ÚFAL IT team, we will soon substantially enhance our GPU-based computing facilities, thanks to the LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ "OP" equipment funding.

We at LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ are looking forward to all of this, so that both LINDAT/CLARIAH-CZ and ÚFAL can thrive, regardless of the possible difficulties that lie ahead.

With my best wishes for 2022 to you and your families and friends,

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