- Overall, this is a good project, primarily focusing on training but also promoting some relevant research. In particular the WP 2 and WP 5 promote research in the area of computational linguistics and once completed will have a positive contribution to the State of the Art in the field. Although it is still at a very early stage, it can be said that research in these domains can provide the European Research Area with new tools and applications.
- The <u>project holds a good gender balance</u> in the sense that the Fellows recruited are men and women at an equal proportion. In addition <u>there is substantial participation</u> by the commercial sector as there are a number of SMEs involved as associated partners and as partner level 1.
- The training programme is being well organised and offering good research tools and training opportunities for the participants. However, the consortium must work in order to find a channel for Fellows to interact among themselves and identify in a better way the common research interests among Fellows (through special meetings or reservation of special time for Fellow meetings, MASTER CLASS in which Fellows would read parts of dissertations of other Fellows and give their comments and feedback, etc).
- Secondments should be implemented, and if budget allows it, all fellows should be given the opportunity to do so.

- <u>Management of the project appears very well organized.</u> However, there are several issues the consortium needs to deal with:
  - In terms of recruitment, it is acknowledged that a few months for researchers will not be used because of late contracting and to some occasions a <u>redirection</u> of funds from one partner to the other will be occurring. This should be agreed internally, be duly justified and relevant permissions should be requested from REA if necessary.
  - Special attention should be paid to very delayed recruitments where fellows might not be able to complete their work before the deadline. As promised during the Mid-Term Review Meeting, if necessary, the partner institutions will bear the costs for any further extension required in order the recruited Fellows to finish their work.
  - Secondments to institutions that are not currently part of the consortium are possible if the said institution becomes "associated partner". Relevant permission should be requested from REA, if the case arises.
- The projects' website is very useful, accessible to the public and it acknowledges the EU funding. However, it has not been very well disseminated to have good outreach results to the broader public. The idea that Fellows should be involved to the management of the site is good, yet in some cases not managed adequately (for example there are Fellows who do not update the site regularly). The site itself needs some updating. In some occasions the training courses and other events are presented as if they are to take place (although they have already been implemented) therefore creating some inconsistencies and misunderstanding.
- According to the project partners all the relevant sources of information (mailing lists, major. Conferences web-sites, project web-site, partner institutions websites) have been used to extent the communication of the project beyond the projects' participants. Practice shows, however, that these efforts were not enough to raise the impact of the project. There is still ample room for improvement in developing outreach activities in order to sufficiently and widely draw in more users to the project and project activities.