WG4 meeting minutes October 7, 2021 9:15 - 16:00 Lisbon time Hybrid meeting (Zoom)

Attendees:

- Max Silberztein, Liviu Dinu, Riste Stojanov, Vilhelmina Vaiciuniene, Viktorija Mazeikiene, Maria Ganzha (in situ in Lisbon)
- Irene Russo, Mirela Alhasani, Gloria Gagliardi, Gianfranco Modoni, Enriketa Sogutlu (virtual participants)

Brief introduction about the meeting agenda.

Mirela Alhasani presented her research work about "Building a Multimodal Educational Environment through Usage of Augmented Reality", followed by a discussion about whether and how NLG can improve online pedagogy.

After Mirela's presentation, Irene reviewed the description of WG4 and the milestones defined in MoU. The document containing MoU objectives for GP2 (link) was edited accordingly.

Participants discussed future activities for GP3. Concerning deliverable 1, we will explore the possibility of making these datasets multilingual and multimodal (especially for under-resourced languages). Another option is to cover the field of image-to-text generation (including resources and training sets).

Concerning deliverable 2, one possibility is to foster collaboration with other WGs with a proof-of-concept paper on deep learning LMs and psycholinguistic datasets (a possible contribution also for the Cross-topic research roadmap).

Focusing on the topics relevant for deliverable 2, participants discussed the possibility of working on a survey paper about clinical linguistics and NLG or creative approaches to NLG. Concerning STSMs, WG4 participants feel optimistic about this opportunity.

Max Silberztein informed us about a training school that will be organized in January 2022, potentially interesting for this WG (Semaine NooJ à l'INALCO, January 3-7 2022).

A specific physical meeting for WG4 is planned in February/March 2022 in Italy (Pisa or Bari).

After lunch, the meeting continued with the presentation of Gloria Gagliardi (University of Bologna) concerning "Clinical linguistics: a possible application domain for NLG". The presentation was followed by a discussion about possible testing applications in clinical linguistics that require NLG.