

RT 4.2's second working papers starts out by briefly recalling its tripartite approach towards English as a lingua franca with reference to the team's general research goals, highlighting once again the most relevant issues with respect to the multilingual research orientation of DYLAN. Secondly, as collaboration is especially crucial for RT 4.2 as a transversal team, an account of bilateral contacts to date is given. It is explained how DYLAN-internal contacts have been developed by compiling and sending out an information document about ELF as well as a questionnaire and how the partners reacted to data sharing concerns. The DYLAN-external connection with a LINEE team is also reported on. Thirdly, three different instances of cooperation with other teams are described in more detail: (1) data cooperation with RT 3.4, (2) conceptual cooperation with RT 2.1 and (3) dissemination cooperation with RT 2.2. The next point is devoted to the problems the Vienna team encountered during the last project year. This concerns the theoretical level (e.g. misconceptions of English as a lingua franca), the terminological level (e.g. how to account for the dynamic character of lingua franca communication in the label 'ELF'), the epistemological level (e.g. the issue of quantifiability and model-building in scientific work) as well as the practical/empirical level (e.g. a tension between desirability and feasibility in working with data – an issue which has recently become even more prominent during the Lyon meeting). In the fifth section, the evolution of research questions and new avenues opened up by contacts is elaborated on. This chapter recounts new insights gained (e.g. through discussions on the concept 'context' or on the activity of transcribing) and significant developments (e.g. the European synergies established by RT 4.2 through conference participation or a collaboration with scholars investigating French as an international language, FLI). In the concluding section potential research perspectives are outlined, taking into account the restrictions on data sharing the Vienna team might be faced with in the future.