

What is ELIAS?

ELIAS is an ESF Research Networking Programme. It was launched in 2011 for a duration of five years, with support from 12 European countries.

ELIAS will help establish a research and training programme for the **evaluation of information access systems** which will define a new measurement paradigm based on so-called living laboratories. Amongst others, this paradigm involves

- exploitation of novel market places and forums where large numbers of users are recruited into early stage evaluation experiments to test a particular aspect of an information access system; and
- using operational systems as experimental platforms on which to conduct user-based experiments at scale.

Funding Options

ELIAS offers funding in the form of individual **grants** and support for **scientific meetings**. Applications must fit the the ELIAS Programme.

Grants are available for short visits, up to 15 days, and longer exchanges, from 15 days to 4 months. Applicants must apply to stay in a European country other than the country of origin. Recently awarded grants are used to

- assess the scholarly impact of evaluation campaigns, and
- develop a corpus for evaluating opinion-based entity profiling on microblog streams.

Scientific meetings can focus on the presentation of scientific research (conferences), discussions and dialogue (workshops), or knowledge transfer (schools). Recently supported scientific meetings are

- Conference on Multilingual and Multimodal Information Access Evaluation 2011,
- PROMISE Winter school, and
- Strategic Workshop on Information Retrieval at Lorne II.