



# DigiTS and DH in Tartu

*a vision and a plan*

2025

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# DigiTS

Center for **D**igital Text **S**cholarship  
Digitekstide uurimiskeskus

logo TBD

- hosted by the **Institute of Estonian and General Linguistics**
- Horizon Europe *ERA Chair* grant
- supported by the European Union with 2.5m €
- 5 years (March 2025 – February 2030)



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## main objective

***establish UT as a center for research and education in Digital Humanities***

- form an international, interdisciplinary research team
- carry out cutting-edge, interdisciplinary research using modern digital methods applied to textual data in Humanities and Social Sciences
- create a DH hub aimed at ensuring sustainable excellence in related research
- key outcomes:
  - promote and co-develop tools for Estonian, especially LLMs
  - expand academic curricula in DH at all levels of higher education
  - offer workshops, training schools, conference, etc.
  - strengthen the basis for collaboration with other institutes at UT, GLAM institutions and industry start-ups

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under the leadership of **Prof. Maciej Eder**  
*ERA Chair and Visiting Professor in Digital Humanities*  
*Institute of Estonian and General Linguistics*

- Director of the Institute of Polish Language, Polish Academy of Sciences
- Professor of Literature, Pedagogical University of Kraków
- expert in computer-assisted text analysis using machine-learning and neural networks
- PhD in literature, habilitation in linguistics
- PI of the Horizon2020 project *Computational Literary Studies Infrastructure*
- author of the software package *stylo* for R

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## research team

- **Maciej Eder**, research group leader
- **3 full-time postdoc positions** for the duration of the project  
→ *job vacancies opening on 1<sup>st</sup> May on [UT job site](#)*
- **1 PhD position**  
→ *see “Digital Humanities” opportunity in UT’s [open calls in doctoral studies](#)*
- co-supervision of **other PhD students**  
→ *to be determined...*
- **MA student assistants** throughout the project  
→ *to be announced soon...*

## **local project team**

- **Liina Lindström**, Professor of Modern Estonian (PI)
- **Maciej Eder**, ERA Chair and Visiting Professor of Digital Humanities
- **Joshua Wilbur**, Lecturer in Digital Linguistics
- **Loone Vilumaa**, Project Manager

## **international advisory board**

- **Prof. Karina van Dalen-Oskam**, Huygens Institute and University of Amsterdam
- **Prof. Christof Schöch**, University of Trier
- **Prof. Ray Siemens**, University of Victoria
- **Assoc. Prof. Nina Tahmasebi**, University of Gothenburg
- **Dr. Artjoms Šeļa**, Czech Academy of Sciences

# what this means for Digital Humanities at UT

improving the Center for Digital Humanities\* to expand its offer and make it sustainable

- curriculum improvement and development
  - BA: increased course offerings for BA minor
  - MA: micro-deGREE in digital methods
  - PhD: training schools, master classes; possibly offering degree in DH
- DH research support and development
  - training opportunities and events
  - regular technical support for students and research staff
- (re)new collaboration within SSH



## how to find us

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- **Center for Digital Humanities** homepage: [digihum.ut.ee](http://digihum.ut.ee)

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**lecture**

***Computational stylistics:  
from authorship attribution to assessing language change***

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