

To: NWO
Committee regarding the Investment Subsidy NWO Large
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* Subject: Application for Nederlab
Laboratory for research on the patterns of change in the Dutch
language and culture

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With this letter each of the parties named below would like to underline its commitment to the joint proposal of the *Meertens Institute*, the *Huygens Institute* and the *Digital Library for Dutch Literature (DBNL)* to construct the *Nederlab*-facilities as proposed in the attached application.

This proposal is the outcome of a thorough preparation by the staff of these institutes. We have a shared feeling that the *Nederlab*-proposal is a substantial leap forward as far as it reflects the firm consensus between the academic field and the relevant corpus providers about the preferred route to a modern and sustainable portal which will serve innovative research in Dutch language and culture in the Netherlands, Flanders and abroad. The proposal should be considered unique in the way it brings together those who need reliable data and those who are able to generate and supply these. As such it will be a means of raising cost effectiveness of public funded investments in the digitalization of analogue texts.

If the investment subsidy applied for is granted, our organizations will do their utmost to make *Nederlab* successful and sustainable.

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