

Medar MT Evaluation on English-to-Arabic

The MEDAR consortium is pleased to announce the organisation of two evaluation campaigns for English-to-Arabic MT. These campaigns will be open to external participants. Please note that Arabic is the target language and NOT the source.

The goal of the MEDAR project (<http://www.medar.info>), supported by the European Commission ICT programme, is to establish a network of partner centres working on best practices for Arabic language and speech processing and dedicated to promoting Arabic Human Language Technologies.

The first evaluation campaign will be held late February 2010, in coordination with the participants. Test data will be provided to participants according to an evaluation methodology and process inspired from TC-STAR, CESTA or MT-NIST approaches.

The second evaluation campaign will be held late June 2010. In addition to the test data, Language Resources for development and/or training will be also provided by the MEDAR consortium for the participants.

In both evaluations, automatic metrics as well as human judges will be used. Results will be shared with all participants.

Please send your expressions of interest to Olivier Hamon (hamon_at_elda_dot_org) as well as your comments or questions. This will not represent any obligation or commitment on your part but will help us estimate the number of potential participants and plan the details (dates, human judges, etc.) of the evaluation campaigns.

We look forward to hearing from you.