

SemEval 2025 Task 10: Post Competition Roadmap and Instructions

This document aims to provide all instructions to participants to SemEval 2025 task 10 for all phases after the end of the competition (evaluation phase using SemEval terminology). The instructions will include information on the final test leaderboard, paper writing, reviewing, slide preparation, etc.

Please feel free to add comments should something be unclear or important info be missing. Although we will notify you by email of significant changes, do check this document from time to time since **this document is dynamic and subject to updates**. The latest changes to the document will be highlighted in yellow so that you can easily spot the changes.

Final Official Test Leaderboard

We have noticed that some team names on the leaderboard are very similar (or people with the same name but different email addresses have registered as different teams), and we would like to double-check whether some of you have participated in more than one team. If you did so, let us know, so that we can clean the leaderboard from possible duplicates. In such cases, **we will only keep the latest valid submission from the set of duplicate teams**.

Our rules are that we take only the last submission from each team. By participating with multiple registrations, one effectively gets multiple official submissions, which is not allowed. Thanks for signaling any such cases you are aware of (by 10 January 2025 the latest). We would like to clean the current test leaderboard ASAP and **announce the official results on 11 January**.

We had some doubts because teams with similar names and emails were making submissions from similar IP addresses. That violates the rule that each team could have only one official attempt on the test set. We sent an email a few days ago requesting to disclose such cases and got no response. For the cases we have identified, we have removed all submissions but the latest one. **The official results of the shared task can be found here:**

<https://propaganda.math.unipd.it/semEval2025task10/leaderboardv3.html>

Notice that the latest update has been done on March 22nd. PLEASE CHECK THE RANKINGS IN YOUR PAPER AND FIX THEM ACCORDINGLY IN YOUR CAMERA-READY VERSION. We apologise for the inconvenience, and we hope it won't take long for you to make the changes.

— Reopening of the leaderboard

We have reopened the leaderboard on the test set. However, bear in mind that the shared

task is over, so any new results that you get after February 4 (using the reopened post-competition leaderboard) should be reported in a separate section of your paper, making it clear it relates to experiments after the deadline.

Do not mention these results in other sections of the paper, including the abstract, introduction and conclusions.

Paper Writing

The test stage of the SemEval-2025 Task 10 has come to an end. A total of 72 teams have made valid submissions to at least one subtask. You can now check the test set leaderboard for the latest results (the leaderboard has been last updated on February 7, 2024).

For the moment, we consider these results as the official ones. However, the very final results will be confirmed once we see your papers. We thank you all for your participation both during the development and the test stages.

Now, it is time to share with the community what we have learned from the shared task. There will be two types of papers:

(i) a **task overview paper**, which we, the organizers of the task, will write and which will describe the overall task and the results, a **technical report with more detailed description of the underlying taxonomies and annotation guidelines**, and

(ii) **system description papers**, which you (the participants) will write and which will describe your models and experiments. As this requires some coordination, below we give details about each.

— The Task Overview paper

Besides describing the data and the results, in the task overview paper, we will give a short description of your approaches and we will also compute some statistics and offer a comparison. The deadline for the task description paper is just a few days after the one of the system description papers, and thus **we need some information from you in advance**:

- Add a tentative bibtex entry for your paper, and 1-2 paragraphs of description of your main approach to the task, on this [google doc](#). This is needed so that we can cite your system paper and describe your approach in our task description paper. In addition, it would be great if you could fill [this spreadsheet](#) listing all the approaches that you tried and that you will describe in your paper (not only the main one as in the free-text form in the google doc above). Feel free to add columns if the approach/resource/model you used is currently not listed.

— System Description papers

The formatting rules and instructions for submitting your paper are described on the SemEval website: <https://semeval.github.io/paper-requirements.html>. Pay special attention to the naming conventions of the title (it is mandatory to follow them). More generally, read carefully the section “Resources” at <https://semeval.github.io/SemEval2025/>.

Make sure to use the style files linked in that section. We strongly suggest reading the “[Guidelines for Writing Papers](#)”.

In your paper, you are supposed to focus on your models and analysis of the results, so you should give **only** a short description of the tasks and data and then cite our task description paper, which will provide a detailed description of the corpus as well. The bibtex for citing our task overview paper is available here on this [google doc](#). We intend to share with you the task overview paper at a later stage once it takes shape and form.

Examples of good papers are the ones that got the best SemEval paper award (for instance <https://aclanthology.org/2020.semeval-1.187/>).

The deadline for submitting your system description paper is **28 February 2025**. This is a SemEval deadline, not a task-specific one (do not ask us for an extension!), for updates keep an eye here: <https://semeval.github.io/SemEval2025/>.

We also encourage you to share your software on a github/gitlab platform. One way to advertise it is by adding/modifying the “Website” option of your team description in your teampage on the shared task website (from your teampage click on “Edit Team Info” -> Website). Of course, you should also include the link to your software in your paper.

— Paper Submission process

In order to submit your paper on softconf please use the following link:

<https://softconf.com/acl2025/semeval2025/>

All authors must have a SOFTCONF account and must be listed in the submission form (not just in the pdf). New SOFTCONF users can register for an account by following the new user link at <https://softconf.com/acl2025/semeval2025/>. You can make as many submissions as you want before the deadline, so do not wait until the last minute to make your first submission!

When submitting your system paper please select in the “Track” field “SemEval-2025 Task 10” option.

Reviewing

As normally happens in SemEval, we anticipate that you’ll have to review some of the other participants’ papers. It would be a good chance to get a peek of other participants’ approaches. We’ll try to minimize the total workload, for now just account for some time for reviewing after the submission deadline. We’ll add more details after the paper submission deadline.

Once we have done the review assignments, we will ask you to log into The SoftConf SemEval page (the link will be made available by the SemEval chairs on this page:

<https://semeval.github.io/SemEval2025/>) and head to the Task 10 page. On that page you will find your reviewing duties. Please, read the following guidelines when performing your reviews. You can invite your co-authors to help you with the reviews assigned to you (but it would be better if they are part of the program committee so that they will get “credit” for the reviews). If you are in a big group, you can let us know if more people want to help reviewing, and we can decrease the load of other authors. That would be really helpful since some of you participated in more than one task and therefore received a larger reviewing load in total.

A good paper. These are the key pointers on what should be included in a good system description paper (borrowed from the SemEval website):

- **Replicability:** present all details that will allow someone else to replicate the system
- **Analysis:** it focuses more on results and analysis and less on discussing rankings; it reports results on several runs of the system (even beyond the official submissions); it presents ablation experiments showing usefulness of different features and techniques; it shows comparisons with baselines.
- **Duplication:** it cites the task description paper and avoids repeating details of the task and data, however, it briefly outlines the task and relevant aspects of the data.

Please, also consider the SemEval guidelines for a good system paper, which are available on the SemEval website. In particular:

1. The paper should use the official stylesheet and follow its instructions. SemEval chairs won't accept a badly formatted paper, especially if the title does not follow the guidelines on the format of the title. Do flag it so that the authors have time on the camera ready version to fix that.
2. The paper should stand on its own. No assumptions on the familiarity of the reader to the task should be made.

Notice that the guidelines on the structure of the paper on the SemEval website are just recommendations. The paper(s) you are reviewing might use a different structure, if that makes more sense. Check also the length of the paper (again refer to the SemEval website for details).

Paper acceptance. One of the aims of SemEval is getting all papers accepted. Hence we kindly ask you to point out all possible improvements for authors to address if necessary. Obviously, there might be a case in which a paper runs short and chances to reach a good quality are small. Do not hesitate to flag it.

Camera-ready versions of the Participant Papers

1) The deadline for submitting camera-ready version is 28 April

2) SemEval 2025 Organizers informed us that for the camera-ready versions the titles and author list can be modified. Please note however that the TEAM names can not be changed

3) If your paper has been conditionally accepted the deadline for camera-ready version is also 28 April, but you should send to the SemEval Task 10 organisers (semeval2025narratives-task@googlegroups.com) a version of the paper by 21 of April so that we (SemEval Task 10 organizers) can check whether the main issues with your paper have been addressed

4) The maximum number of pages for camera-ready system papers is 6 pages!

5) Please remember that the official version of the TEST leaderboard of the shared task is at: <https://propaganda.math.unipd.it/semeval2025task10/leaderboardv3.html>
Please check again the rank(s) of your system and make corrections in the camera-ready version if deemed necessary

6) The proper bibtex entry for the Task 10 overview paper is this one:

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@inproceedings{semeval2025task10,  
  title={{SemEval}-2025 Task 10: Multilingual Characterization and Extraction of Narratives from Online News},  
  author={Piskorski, Jakub and Mahmoud, Tarek and Nikolaidis, Nikolaos and Campos, Ricardo and Jorge, Alípio, and Dimitrov, Dimitar and Silvano, Purificação and Yangarber, Roman and Sharma, Shivam and Chakraborty, Tanmoy and Guimarães, Nuno and Sartori, Elisa and Stefanovitch, Nicolas and Xie, Zhuohan and Nakov, Preslav and Da San Martino, Giovanni},  
  booktitle = {Proceedings of the 19th International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation},  
  series = {SemEval 2025},  
  year = {2025},  
  address = {Vienna, Austria},  
  month = {July},  
  pages = {},  
  doi= {}  
}
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7) We are sharing with you in your Teams page a PDF with a draft version of a Technical Report (<https://propaganda.math.unipd.it/semeval2025task10/data/tr.pdf>) which complements the task overview paper with detailed annotation guidelines and taxonomy definitions, etc., which you might cite wherever applicable in your system papers. We would be grateful for any feedback on the content of this draft report, whose online version is being continuously improved.

The corresponding bibtex is this this one:

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@techreport{guidelinesSE25T10,  
  title={{Multilingual Characterization and Extraction of Narratives from Online News: Annotation Guidelines}},
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author={Stefanovitch, Nicolas and Mahmoud, Tarek and Nikolaidis, Nikolaos and Alípio, Jorge and Campos, Ricardo and Dimitrov, Dimitar and Silvano, Purificação and Sharma, Shivam and Yangarber, Roman and Guimarães, Nuno and Sartori, Elisa and Pacheco, Ana Filipa and Ortiz, Cecília and Couto, Cláudia and Reis de Oliveira, Glória and Gonçalves, Ari and Koychev, Ivan and Moravski, Ivo and Faggiani, Nicolo and Kharazi, Sopho and Kotseva, Bonka and Androutsopoulos, Ion and Pavlopoulos, John and Oke, Gayatri and Pathak, Kanupriya and Suman, Dhairya and Mazumdar, Sohini and Chakraborty, Tanmoy and Xie, Zhuohan and Kvachev, Denis and Gatsuk, Irina and Semenova, Ksenia and Villanen, Matilda and Waher, Aamos and Lyakhnovich, Daria and Da San Martino, Giovanni and Nakov, Preslav and Piskorski, Jakub},
address = {Ispra (Italy)},
institution = {{European Commission Joint Research Centre}},
number = {JRC141322},
year={2025}}

Participating in the Workshop

SemEval will be co-located with ACL 2025. If you plan to attend, start checking how long it would take you to get a visa, should you need one. Check the website of the conference for more information.

More information regarding the presentation format, video recordings and conference participation will be provided at a later stage.

Funding Virtual Registrations

We have received this message from the SemEval Chairs: “We are also happy to announce that we will be receiving diversity and inclusion funds to help participants that would otherwise be unable to attend the conference to join. We will be using these funds to **cover Virtual Registration for a limited number of students**. Regarding the selection criteria, please keep in mind the ACL policy for diversity and inclusion. We invite you to ask for your participants to apply for these funds. **The participant should be a student lead/first author of an accepted paper who does not have travel support from their university and would not be able to attend the workshop and present their work otherwise, from a developing country or marginalised community.** In order to apply, please send us (semeval2025narratives-task@googlegroups.com) **by April 29th** your CV and a short statement to help decide who should receive these funds. ”