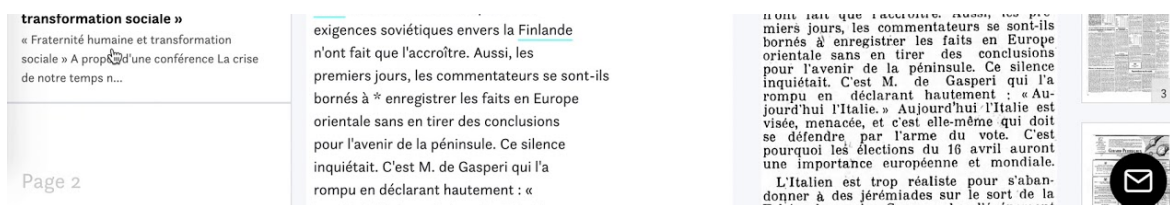# Alpha release of the impresso interface published

Dear all,

we are excited to announce the Alpha Release of the impresso interface. It is still very much work in progress but it already has the basic functionalities you expect from an interface for digitized historical newspapers. You will also find a few advanced features in early stage of development.

We want to encourage you to try things out and leave us your feedback: What do you like? What do you miss? What is it that you do not like? What is broken?

impresso Alpha release walkthrough (click to watch)

We have prepared a list of known issues together with a development roadmap on the interface homepage but we depend on you to tell us what else needs to be improved. Let us know! Ideally you send us the link or screenshots to help us reproduce what you observed.

You can use the feedback icon in the lower right of the interface, email us directly at info@impresso-project.ch or contact us via our Slack channel.

About this alpha release

This release is still a bit rough around the edges, expect bugs, sometimes slow performance and imperfections.

What we have included:

- The basic version of the interface with 22 Swiss newspapers, mainly in French
- Named entities (persons, locations)
- Topic models and Topic model explorer
- Collection management

To help you start out, we prepared a video walkthrough and a few instructions together with a roadmap for future releases on the interface homepage.

How to login

For legal reasons you need to sign a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) before you can gain access to the alpha version of the interface. If you have already signed an NDA, you will receive your login credentials shortly via email.

If you have not yet signed an NDA, you can download the template here.

To submit your signed NDA and in case you encounter any problems with the login, please contact estelle.bunout@uni.lu.

Link to the interface: https://impresso-project.ch/alpha/

What's next?

From now on we will continuously roll out new and improve existing features. These will be announced via our mailing list.

Late April (exact date tbd): **Community Call #2 on topic modeling**
End of April 2019: **Beta release**
End of June 2019: **First public release**
October 2019: **Autumn release + first user evaluation**
Spring 2020 (was Oct. 2019): **impresso user workshop**

You will find a more detailed roadmap on the interface homepage. Now we hope that you will enjoy testing the Alpha release. And let us know how it went!

With best wishes,
The *impresso* team