The 1st Workshop on the Computational Processing of Catalan (JPCC) (Barcelona, March 2009) succeeded in creating community awareness, provided us with a snapshot of the state of affairs in language technologies in Catalan and triggered a series of actions aimed at further enhancing cohesion and communication among the different actors in the Computational Processing of Catalan.

Speakers of ‘small’ languages may find themselves at a comparative disadvantage to speakers of bigger languages, given that companies often offer their LT products only in languages with large markets. Official bilingualism in the Catalan territories entails that most residents are actually bilingual. There is a lack of interest from the industry to invest in Catalan, Spanish being a much more profitable market.

Good news! Most of the basic LT tools and resources exist but research and development is often confined to the academic world or to altruistic initiatives, with little connection with the real world. Oftentimes, the technology already exists, has been developed in some laboratory but needs the final push that would turn it into a real product.

Goals
1. Enhance communication and collaboration among developers from research groups, industry, and institutions.
2. Make a better and more efficient use of the already existing resources and tools
3. Give visibility to the research in the area.

The "Harvesting Day" initiative wants to start a decentralized effort of resource description and launch an automatic, periodical information gathering routine. The collected data will build the seed of a portal–catalogue–observatory of language resources in Catalan.

Visibility and availability of resources is the key issue for success.