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CLaSSES: A Corpus for linguistic studies on non-literary Latin

The corpus CLaSSES (developed at the Department of Philology, Literature and Linguistics of the University of Pisa) currently includes more than 1200 documents representative of non-literary Latin, written on inscriptions, letters, and tablets in different periods (4th century BC–6th century AD) and provinces of the Roman Empire (Italy, Roman Britain, North-Africa and Near-East).

All texts are annotated with linguistic information (including lemmatization and identification of spelling variants) and other metadata (including dating, place of provenance and textual typology of the documents).

A freely-available web interface (<http://classes-latin-linguistics.fileli.unipi.it/en>) allows users not only to query the corpus, but also to analyze the spelling variation in non-literary Latin texts in the light of the sociolinguistic context of the Roman world.