REPORT STEERING COMMITTEE

Date report: 24-05-2018

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Overall progress (Provide an overview of activities and products delivered since the previous report and the planning of upcoming activities and products)	
Activities SC & Working Groups:	A new Working Group – Digital Skills for Library Staff and Researchers is founded and plans step up with first workshop in Lille in July 2018. Leadership Programmes Working Group (February – May 2018) A Working Group meeting took place in Florence in February 2018. Priorities of the Working Group have been: • Preparations for the programme for the Emerging Leaders Cohort 4 Seminar in Lille, July 1st - 3rd 2018. This will complete the Cohort 4 programme. • Organising the first Emerging Leaders Alumni Event to take place at the Lille Conference. • Preparing a presentation as part of the LIBER Conference. • Preparing a Call for Expressions of Interest for the 2020 and 2022 LIBER Journees. The call will be announced as part of the LIBER Lille Conference documentation. • Preparing and Launching the LIBER Job Description Marketplace. • Planning some changes to the Working Group membership. Hilde van Kiel (University of Leuven) will become Chair from July 2018; Najmeh Shaghaei (University of Southern Denmark) has joined the Group as a new member. • The Group will be called the Leadership Programmes Working Group rather than the Leadership and Workforce Development Working Group.

	• Text has been drafted in line with the LIBER template to outline the work of the Group.
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	Digital Humanities and Digital Cultural Heritage Working Group
	• Workshops at LIBER conference 2017, in Zurich and of the WG in April 2018 – about 30 to 40 participants on average
	• Creation of survey for collection of use cases ongoing
	• Blog post about challenges to be published shortly
	• Involvement of LIBER in Cultural Heritage Data Reuse Charter to be planned
Public Events held (e.g. workshops):	• https://libereurope.eu/events/feedback-workshop-reuse-of-cultural-heritage-charter/ • https://libereurope.eu/events/liber-digital-humanities-digital-cultural-heritage-working-group-members-meeting-collecting-use-cases/
Delivered products:	• Job Description Marketplace • Text for Call for Expressions of Interest for the LIBER Journees 2020 and 2022 • Text describing the work of the Working Group in line with LIBER template • https://libereurope.eu/blog/2018/04/24/sharing-stories/ • https://libereurope.eu/blog/2018/03/08/digital-humanities-reading-list-part-4/ • https://libereurope.eu/blog/2018/03/01/video-libers-digital-humanities-digital-cultural-heritage-working-group/ • https://libereurope.eu/blog/2018/02/27/digital-humanities-reading-list-part-3/ • https://libereurope.eu/blog/2018/02/05/digital-humanities-reading-list-part-2/ • https://libereurope.eu/blog/2018/01/29/digital-humanities-reading-list-part-1/

Status of budget utilisation	
Budget allocated:	€ 18.000
Realization to date:	€ 1043,99 for the Workshops on April 9 and 10 of DH and DCH WG
Remaining budget:	€ To be confirmed

Necessary decisions of the Executive Board	
Decision requested:	None at present

Progress in implementation of the strategy (Describe the progress and indicate by means of an emocion whether the status is "green" (progress is good), "yellow" (there is a small deviation from expectation), or "red" (there is a large deviation from expectation). If "red", please explain the status.)				
Below, all planned Roadmap activities are listed in order of priority. In the case of low priority activities, progress should only be reported if appropriate.				

Action area	Planned Activities	Planned Impact	Progress	Status
Text and data mining	Develop best practice in supporting TDM e.g. licencing, tools, data storage, visualisation	- Libraries are able to offer services to researchers - A best practice sheet is available for LIBER members on the LIBER Webpage - LIBER libraries have the skills to support researchers in TDM		☺/☺/☹
Digital cultural heritage and digital humanities	Partner with digital scholars (can be done through LIBER WG + DARIAH and CLARIN)	- Additional value of librarians is acknowledged by scholars - LIBER Website displays a fact sheet "how to partner with digital scholars" - LIBER collaborates at practical level with	• The value of the WG activities is demonstrated by researchers and their attendance of the WG workshops including the workshop of DCH and as members of the WG list. • The WG represents LIBER in the intensive discussions about the Data Re-	☺/

			DARIAH and CLARIN	Use Charter.	
Changing the service development philosophy	Sharing best practice on development of software and systems with user engagement to build the best solutions for them	- LIBER members know agile development and have examples how to enhance user engagement.			🙂/😐/☹
Information Ethics	Explore role of library in information ethics and Responsible Research & Innovation	- There are clear aims in role of the library in the information ethics - LIBER Website provides a fact sheet about information ethics for LIBER members			🙂/😐/☹
Digital cultural heritage and digital humanities	Spread best practice in managing digital humanities content (can be done by LIBER workshop on Digital Humanities)	- Evidence based feedback of best practice usage - LIBER workshop "Digital humanities" produces a best practice list available on LIBER Website		• The results of blog posts and the discussions of the four subject teams as well as the workshop of the DCH are very well accepted and shared by the DH community. • This is work in progress. Many inputs are gathered by the subject teams. On the LIBER conference 2018 we will collect the main challenges of DH activities in libraries.	🙂/
Diversifying digital skills of library staff members and researchers	Develop skills profiles	- Librarians are informed about options to improve their skills profile. - New profiles are available on LIBER website.		• Launch of LIBER Job Description Marketplace	🙂
Digital cultural heritage	Promote the role of libraries in digital	- Additional value of librarians is		• The role of librarians has been promoted by the blog posts, the workshop of DCH,	🙂/

and digital humanities	humanities (can be done through LIBER WG + DARIAH and CLARIN)	acknowledged by scholars - LIBER Website displays a fact sheet "how to partner with digital scholars"	the cooperation with DARIAH, the workshops of the WG in April 2018 and the engagement of researchers in the WG. We are very confident to promote the cooperation with scholars and librarians as well the role of libraries further.	
Diversifying digital skills of library staff members and researchers	Build capacity to support digital activities	- LIBER leadership programme takes this field into account in the programme - Digital skills are embedded in the work programmes of LIBER working groups	• Reflected in Emerging Leaders programme. Cohort 4 will complete its programme in July 2018	😊
Diversifying digital skills of library staff members and researchers	Identify digital skills needed by researchers	- Librarians are ready to offer courses to improve digital skills. - List of skills is provided on LIBER Website to support LIBER libraries in their support to researchers		😊/😐/☹