EU PROJECTS REPORT
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Overview

LIBER is currently involved in nine EU Projects. In order to provide LIBER participants with an overview of the projects and alignment with the LIBER Strategy, a new Web visualisation has been launched. This maps not only how the projects relate to our Key Performance Areas but also lists the LIBER members involved in each project: http://libereurope.eu/strategy/key-performance-areas-and-eu-projects/.

FOSTER

In May, the enhanced version of the FOSTER Portal was launched. On this portal you can find host training contents and e-learning material. LIBER was involved in developing an intensive pre-conference workshop across two days of the LIBER 2015 Annual Conference. It was a well-attended and productive workshop, with over 120 delegates registering initially: the numbers had to be capped at around 85 for each day. This was a 'train-the-trainer' workshop targeting those who already work in libraries and may be responsible for the professional development of other library staff.

There has been a huge demand for FOSTER training and events and, therefore, the project has been extended by six months. This means that there will be another FOSTER workshop at the 2016 LIBER Annual Conference.

PASTEUR4OA

In spring 2015, LIBER began work to improve the online dissemination strategy for Pasteur4OA. Since then LIBER has been responsible for extensive Twitter activity each third week in a row. Preparations have begun for the organisation of the final Pasteur conference, a task that is led by LIBER. This conference will be held in Amsterdam at the end of May 2016. The idea is to attach this event to the Dutch Presidency of the EU in the first half of 2016. In the summer, PASTEUR4OA created a series of data visualisations using data from ROARMAP – a searchable international registry charting the growth of OA policies. The visualisations illustrate how many OA policies exist worldwide, when policies require deposit, how many policies are Horizon 2020-compliant, and whether policies mention APCs.

EUDAT2020

Over the last few months, LIBER has been very active in disseminating EUDAT2020. LIBER is also responsible for developing the policy guidelines for data access. In the first months of the project, a collaborative network has been established with representatives from different project partners for collecting information on available legislation and related initiatives. A parallel desk research exercise is ongoing to identify best practices in the definition of policies for data access.

OpenAIRE2020

Four months after the EC FP7 Post-Grant Open Access Pilot was soft-launched at the end of May 2015, the initiative is gradually starting to take off. Intensive dissemination work has been carried out in the meantime to researchers, institutions and publishers, which is now also starting to be followed up by OpenAIRE National Open Access Desks (NOADs) in different countries.

A first progress report released in early August 2015 through the OpenAIRE blog, https://blogs.openaire.eu/?p=436, showed that at the end of July 2015 the project had already collected 20 funding requests. At the end of September, the number had climbed to 50, and this figure should really start to increase as soon as the first pre-payment agreements have been signed with the publishers which authors have more frequently selected thus far for their funded publications.

A significant amount of work has also been delivered during these first months in improving the system for collecting and processing funding requests so that its operation will be as smooth as possible. The imminent agreements with publishers will also enable a significant simplification of the invoicing process, which remains one of the most time-consuming stages at the moment.

LEARN

LEARN started in June 2015 with a successful kick-off meeting in London. LEARN has already made an impact at conferences such as RDA 2015 in Paris and IFLA 2015 in Cape Town. At both these conferences, the project partners presented LEARN to an interested audience. The LEARN project is now defining its stakeholders, and has set up its project website, which is currently being filled with content. Also, an email list has been set up, and a Twitter account and LinkedIn group, which LIBER will keep up-to-date. The first LEARN workshop will take place in January 2016 in London, and will identify best practices and case studies of different aspects of research data management.

OpenMineTeD

OpenMinTeD kicked off in Rhodes in June 2015, with all 16 project partners present. The dissemination team has created an appealing project website and has been active on Twitter to communicate the project to its stakeholders. A first stakeholder engagement workshop will be held in November, with LIBER being the main organising partner. The workshop is organised in collaboration with Europeana Research (the Europeana Cloud project) and will be held in The Hague. The next day, a first technical workshop on interoperability specifications will be held with OpenMinTeD's internal and external technical experts. The OpenMinTeD project is also in the process of collecting requirements from text and data mining researchers through surveys, to identify researchers' goals, skills, attitudes and environments.

AARC

The Authentication and Authorisation for Research and Collaboration project, AARC, started on 1 May 2015. In the first three months of the project, there were two deliverables due where LIBER was involved; LIBER has been advocating the production of easy to understand high level information about federated access, including benefits for management, since most libraries now use IP authentication and not all see the benefits of changing to federated access for their authentication. Furthermore, LIBER has been pressing for the need to use interviews instead of surveys to gather Library input for the Gap analysis and requirements. These interviews are now being prepared.

FUTURE TDM

FutureTDM kicked off in Vienna on 15 September 2015. LIBER is one of nine partners in this project which aims to identify barriers to TDM in the EU and to improve uptake. The kick-off went well with all partners engaging and discussing with enthusiasm throughout. At the end of the meeting, Content Mine ran a text and data mining workshop. The project runs for two years. LIBER's first deliverable, a stakeholder engagement roadmap is due in month three; we will also be heavily involved in organising and running stakeholder workshops in the coming months. Information will be made available on the project website, which is now live www.futuretdm.eu and via its twitter feed @futuretdm.

Europeana Cloud

This project has been extended by three months. LIBER continues to work on dissemination and organised the Europeana Cloud/Research & OpenMinTed workshop in November.

Europeana Newspapers

LIBER's role in the Europeana Newspapers project formally ended on 31 January 2015, but the project continued for a further two months. Therefore, the final project review was held in Luxembourg in May 2015, which LIBER attended to present its work package to the Commission. There, the project received a final rating of excellent.

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