



Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

between

EUDAT, for the purposes of this MoU represented by CSC –IT center for Science Finland

and

LIBER, Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche

granting the status of EUDAT Associated Partner to LIBER

Terms/Principles

1 – Background:

EUDAT is a pan-European data initiative bringing together a consortium of 26 partners, including research communities, national data and high performance computing (HPC) centers, technology providers, and funding agencies from 13 countries. EUDAT aims to build a sustainable cross-disciplinary and cross-national data infrastructure providing a set of shared services to access and preserve research data, and combining the richness of community-specific data repositories with the permanence and persistence of some of Europe's largest scientific data centres. The EUDAT project is coordinated by CSC – IT Center for Science, Finland, and co-funded by the European Commission's Framework Programme 7.

The LIBER Foundation is the main network of research libraries in Europe. It aims to represent the interests of the research libraries of Europe, their universities and researchers. The Foundation promotes in particular:

- efficient information services
- access to research information
- innovation in end-user services supporting teaching, learning and research
- preservation of cultural heritage
- efficient and effective management in research libraries

In order to facilitate collaboration with partners not formally beneficiaries to the EC GA, EUDAT offers the possibility that some organizations join the project as Associated Partner. The present MoU defines this status and the general framework of this collaboration.

2- Opportunities and goals:

EUDAT has a strong interest in strengthening collaboration with LIBER. LIBER is the main European network for research libraries and represents an important stakeholder to EUDAT, enabling it also to reach out to the European libraries. LIBER also brings unique expertise in the areas of policy development which are important for the CDI.

LIBER believes that collaboration with EUDAT will help to achieve the aim of creating an information infrastructure that enables research in LIBER institutions to be world class. EUDAT is developing valuable services that will be of use to the communities that LIBER libraries support.

3 – Role of the Associated Partner in EUDAT and joint work plan

The parties agree to collaborate on the following tasks detailed in sub-sections 3.1 to 3.4.

3.1 Requirement gathering

This activity allows LIBER to submit new requirements coming to the libraries to EUDAT and influence the evolution of the infrastructure and its services. EUDAT will accept requirements in various formats through the defined channels, either directly to members of the project, or via the EUDAT User Forums and other relevant events. Requirements will be presented and reviewed by the Service and Architecture Forum (SAF).

Contact points for this activity:

- For EUDAT: Daan Broeder (daan.broeder@mpi.nl), Johannes Reetz (johannes.reetz@rzg.mpg.de)
- For LIBER: Susan Reilly (susan.reilly@kb.nl), Rob Grimm (Rob.Grim@uvt.nl)

3.2 Service development

LIBER will be associated to the development of EUDAT services and be provided with the possibility to test and use the services which are seen of interest.

EUDAT will also consult LIBER regarding the development of new services to be included in the service portfolio.

Contact points:

- For EUDAT: Daan Broeder (daan.broeder@mpi.nl), Mark van de Sanden (mark.vandesanden@surfsara.nl)
- For LIBER: Susan Reilly (susan.reilly@kb.nl), Rob Grimm (Rob.Grim@uvt.nl)

3.3 Policy development and sustainability

LIBER will contribute to the development of EUDAT policies on data management (in particular data management plan and licensing) and to the work EUDAT is currently carrying on cost and funding models. This contribution can take the form of reviewing relevant documents before they are released to a large public, or participating more directly to the elaboration of the EUDAT approach through the Data Access and Reuse Policies (DARUP) working group or work package 2 activities.

Contact points:

- For EUDAT: Rob Baxter (r.baxter@epcc.ed.ac.uk)
- For LIBER: Susan Reilly (susan.reilly@kb.nl), Jonas Holm (jonas.holm@su.se)

3.4 Dissemination and outreach

EUDAT and LIBER will collaborate and help each other in disseminating the progress and results from the collaboration between the two parties. This will involve featuring about the projects on each other's website and dissemination materials where appropriate, announcing each other's events on the projects' websites and other dissemination material where appropriate, and more generally raising

awareness of the projects in each other's communities. Organizing joint activities on training will also be discussed. Specific contact points for communication channels and training will be established.

Contact points:

- For EUDAT: Hilary Hanahoe (h.hanahoe@trust-it-services.com). For training activities: Adam Carter (Adam.Carter@ed.ac.uk)
- For LIBER: Friedel Grant (friedel.grant@kb.nl)

4 – Key persons involved

<The Associated Partner may appoint a representative from its own institution or another institution who will have a seat in the EUDAT General Council, without voting rights. The Associated Partner shall nominate the other persons who will be involved in the work with EUDAT. All the persons nominated will be granted access to the EUDAT wiki.>

Representative of the Associated Partner in the EUDAT Council: *Reilly, Susan*, susan.reilly@kb.nl, T +31 70 314 01 60

Persons involved in the project: *Grant, Friedel*, Friedel.grant@kb.nl, T +31 70 314 01 21 Grim, Rob (Rob.Grim@uvt.nl), T +31-13-466 2619

LIBER will endeavor to engage the relevant working groups in order to provide input into EUDAT, in particular the LIBER Copyright Working Group (Chair: Jonas Holm) and the LIBER Scholarly Information Infrastructure Working Group (Chair Rob Grim).

5 – Communication

Representatives of LIBER will be regularly invited to participate to EUDAT events (workshops, technical forum and/or user forum, SAF). The Associated partner will also have a full access to the EUDAT wiki and be included in all relevant mailing lists.

The Parties shall keep each other informed on all their respective activities in connection with this MoU and on their progress, and shall consult regularly on areas offering potential for cooperation. Each Party shall designate a "point of contact" that shall be responsible for monitoring the implementation of this MoU and for taking measures to assist in the further development of cooperative activities. Such points of contact shall be the ordinary channel for the Parties' communication of proposals for cooperation.

The primary point of contact for each Party is:

- For EUDAT: Damien Lecarpentier, EUDAT Project Manager (damien.lecarpentier@csc.fi)
- For LIBER: Susan Reilly, LIBER Advocacy & Projects Manager (susan.reilly@kb.nl)

6 - Proprietary Rights

This MoU shall not affect the proprietary rights of the Parties. Any joint development made by the Parties, will be subject to the provisions of a separate written agreement to be executed by the Parties prior to the commencement of any such joint development work. The execution of this MoU shall in no way serve to create, on the part of either Party, a license to use, any proprietary rights of the other Party otherwise than explicitly stipulated herein.

7 – Confidentiality

The information shared within the consortium and in particular the information available on the EUDAT wiki is for internal use only and shall not be divulged or made available publically to another party outside the consortium and the Associated Partner to which access has been granted without the consent of the EUDAT Project Management Office (PMO).

8 – Duration:

This Memorandum of Understanding will take effect when approved by the steering committee of EUDAT and signed by the representative of LIBER and shall have a duration of 2 years unless terminated earlier, and may be extended upon mutual written agreement.

Each Party may terminate this MoU at any time by giving the other Party written notification (including motivation). In case of termination and to the extent this proves necessary, the Parties will negotiate in good faith on how to proceed with exchanged data material and information pertaining to the other party.

This Memorandum of Understanding is done in two original copies.

Signatures

For EUDAT



Kimmo Koski
CSC Managing Director
EUDAT Project Coordinator

For LIBER



Kristiina Hormia Poutanen
National Library of Finland
LIBER Vice-President

Date:

3/6/2014

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