

Memorandum of Understanding

between

LIBER (Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche) and DARIAH-EU

The aim of the LIBER Foundation is to represent the interest of 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, and
- efficient and effective management in research libraries.

DARIAH is a pan-European infrastructure for arts and humanities scholars working with computational methods. It supports digital research as well as the teaching of digital research methods. DARIAH is a network. It connects several thousands of scholars and over a hundred research facilities in currently 17 European countries, the DARIAH Member countries. In addition DARIAH has several Co-operating Partner institutions in countries not being a Member of DARIAH, and strong ties to many research projects and other Research Infrastructures across Europe. DARIAH as a membership organization provides digital tools and platforms, and shares data as well as know-how. In addition, it organizes learning opportunities for digital research methods, like workshops and summer schools, and offers training materials for Digital Humanities.

LIBER and DARIAH-EU share objectives in promoting the use of digital collections and digital techniques in particular in Humanities research, and recognize that there is a need to enhance competencies, knowledge exchange and skills for the use and management of Humanities research data, ICT methods and technologies, including scientific information infrastructure such as DARIAH-EU. LIBER and DARIAH-EU encourage and support libraries in building up new service roles as well in engaging in research processes to take forward digitally enabled research in the arts and humanities.

Governance

Annual reports on joint activities will be submitted to LIBER and DARIAH-EU.

Objectives

- LIBER and DARIAH-EU agree to co-operate on important initiatives to the European Commission and other relevant parties.
- LIBER and DARIAH-EU agree to work together to advocate on areas of special interest, especially the enhancement of digital collections and research infrastructure for the arts and humanities, and the enhancement of competencies and skills for eResearch.
- LIBER and DARIAH-EU agree to submit joint project bids for funding with other parties, where appropriate.
- LIBER and DARIAH-EU create in LIBER and DARIAH working groups dedicated to the co-operation of libraries and Digital Humanities
- LIBER and DARIAH organize joint workshops and other events. Representatives of the reciprocal working groups and other committees can be invited to be involved in each other's work where appropriate.
- LIBER and DARIAH-EU can agree on other common objectives to support co-operation between digital humanities and libraries.

Communication

- LIBER and DARIAH-EU agree to exchange information about their work, and to acknowledge the partnership in promotional materials of both organizations, including the website, annual reports and news, where appropriate.
- LIBER and DARIAH-EU agree to share information and best practice on advocacy tools and activities.

The Memorandum of Understanding has been approved by LIBER and DARIAH-EU.

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Signed on behalf of LIBER

Date: 27.2.2017

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Signed on behalf of DARIAH-EU

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