



**Memorandum of Understanding
between
LIBER (Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche) and EIFL**

The aim of the **LIBER Foundation** is 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

The aim of **Stichting eIFL.net (EIFL)** is to enhance access to knowledge through libraries in developing and transition economy countries. EIFL works with library consortia and addresses access to knowledge for education, learning and research issues via the following programmes:

- EIFL-Licensing
- EIFL-OA: open access
- EIFL-IP: copyright and libraries

LIBER and EIFL share objectives in promoting access to knowledge for education, learning, and research. Special areas of interest for both organisations are in the fields of enhancing access to digital collections in higher education, open access (OA), Research Data Management, and copyright. LIBER and EIFL encourage the development of policy and technical infrastructures that support digital library services; foster the adoption of open access policies and mandates; and promote a fair copyright system that supports libraries in providing access to knowledge. LIBER and EIFL have overlapping interests in particular in countries in Central and Eastern Europe in which they both work.

Governance

Reports will be submitted to LIBER and EIFL, describing the main outcomes of each organisation's activities.

Objectives

- LIBER and EIFL agree to co-operate on important initiatives to the European Commission and other relevant parties.
- LIBER and EIFL agree to work together to advocate on areas of special interest, especially open access and copyright.
- LIBER and EIFL agree to submit project bids for funding with other partners, where appropriate.


Communication

- LIBER and EIFL agree to exchange information about LIBER and EIFL's work, and to acknowledge the partnership in the promotional materials of both organisations, including the website, annual report, and newsletter where appropriate.
- LIBER and EIFL agree to share information and best practice on advocacy tools and activities.
- Both organisations agree to promote the use of each other's social networking profiles through linking and following to enhance and promote their respective missions.

This Memorandum of Understanding has been approved by LIBER and EIFL.

Signed on behalf of LIBER:

Date:


Kristiina Hormia-Poutanen
Vice-President of LIBER

Signed on behalf of EIFL

Date:


Rima Kupryte
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