



## REPORT STEERING COMMITTEE

Date report: 8/10/2020

<b>Name SC:</b> Innovative Scholarly Communication	
<b>Reporting period:</b> July-October 2020	
<b>Chair:</b>	Giannis Tsakonas
<b>Secretary:</b>	Sylvia Koukounidou
<b>Member SC:</b>	Sofie Wennström Chair of WG on Open Access
<b>Member SC:</b>	Ben White, Chair of WG on Copyright and Legal Matters
<b>Member SC:</b>	Charlotte Wien, Chair of WG on Innovative Metrics (disbanded)
<b>Member SC:</b>	Paul Ayriss, Chair of WG on Citizen Science
<b>Executive Director:</b>	Astrid Verheusen

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:**

On the 22nd of June the SC had a virtual meeting.

Close to the conference the Working Group on Innovative Metrics released the report [“Why Do Measures Fluctuate? Metrics Report - Guidelines for Talking to Management”](#), which has 445 downloads so far. After the end of the LIBER2020 Online Conference the Working Group on Innovative Metrics was disbanded. The Group prepared a final report, which is attached as an Annex to this report. Please note that there must be a correction in the report by mentioning that the first period was co-chaired by Sarah Coombs (together with Isabella Peters).

The WG on Copyright and Legal Matters suggested to co-sign with IFLA, EBLIDA, NAPLES, SPARC and PL2030 the letter [“Libraries all over Europe are calling for a reinforcement of the European cultural and educational dimension”](#). In general, the WG was active in the area of highlighting the inequalities and the obstacles that the coronavirus pandemic imposed in the e-book market.

The Chairs of Open Access and Citizen Science Working Groups participate in the panel [“Open Science and the Management of a Cultural Change”](#) of the session Academic & Scholarly of the digital version of the International Book Fair of Frankfurt.





	In regard to the new WG on Innovative Peer Review, there has been a call, but the initial response is reluctant. By request of Raf Dekeyser the call has been circulated among the Editorial Board of LIBER Quarterly in order to engage them as well.
<b>Public events held (e.g. workshops):</b>	<p><b>Workshops</b></p> <p>The following events were organised by our WGs in the reported period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* June 2020. Webinar “Citizen Science At Universities: Trends, Guidelines and Recommendations” <a href="#">Video</a></li> <li>* September 2020. Webinar “<a href="#">Copyright and Open Licensing - What have we learnt from the COVID-19 pandemic?</a>”</li> <li>* October 2020. Web panel “<a href="#">Academic &amp; Scholarly- Open Science and the Management of a Cultural Change</a>”</li> </ul>
<b>Delivered products:</b>	<p><b>Posts on LIBER website</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* July 2020. Post on website <a href="#">LIBER Supports cOAlitionS ‘Rights Retention Strategy’ to Ensure Open Access to Publicly-Funded Research</a></li> <li>* July 2020 Post on website <a href="#">Update on Call for Urgent Copyright Action to Support Distance Learning &amp; Research</a></li> <li>* July 2020 Post on website <a href="#">Research Under Pressure: Impact of Covid-19 Through A Librarian’s Eyes</a></li> <li>* August 2020 Post on website <a href="#">Call for a reinforcement of the European cultural and educational dimension</a></li> <li>* September 2020 Post on website <a href="#">Comments on the Current State of European Research Libraries during the COVID-19 Pandemic</a></li> <li>* July 2020. Post on website <a href="#">Help Libraries Find a Role in Innovative Peer Review: Join Our New Working Group</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* June 2020. Guidelines “<a href="#">Why Do Measures Fluctuate? Metrics Report - Guidelines for Talking to Management</a>”</li> </ul>

<b>Status of budget utilisation</b>	
<b>Budget allocated:</b>	<b>€ 6.000</b>
<b>Realization to date:</b>	<b>€ 302,5</b> (TDM report design)
<b>Remaining budget:</b>	<b>€ 5.697.5</b>





<b>Necessary decisions of the Executive Board</b>	
<b>Decision requested:</b>	* None






Progress in implementation of the strategy (Describe the progress and indicate by means of an emoticon 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
Copyright & Legal Matters	Advocate for research friendly copyright reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interests groups are involved in the process of advocacy</li> <li>- LIBER point of view is taken into account in EC discussions</li> </ul>	Very active in this area, especially on the effects of the pandemic on e-book market. The WG prepares a study on the pricing patterns for e-books.	
Copyright & Legal Matters	Guidance on implementation of new legal measures (copyright, DPR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Guidance is well advertised</li> <li>- Copyright workshop for professionals to learn and share about legal matters</li> </ul>	Guidance was provided in the form of a webinar.	
Copyright & Legal Matters	Build capacity to support researchers on copyright and legal matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Researchers are informed</li> <li>- LIBER provides Copyright workshop for professionals to learn and share about legal matters</li> <li>- LIBER provides workshops on data protection</li> </ul>	Many posts and an interview about the effects of pandemic on e-book market and licensing.	
Open Access to research publications	Advocate for OA policies and mandates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- OA policies in place that promote sustainable OA</li> </ul>	Nothing to report	
Open Access to research publications	Facilitate exchange of best practice in licensing negotiation for off-setting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Move towards sustainable OA business models</li> <li>- Sustainable business models are the default</li> </ul>	Experts from the WG participated in small discussions of the OCLC-LIBER series and supported key concepts for sustainable and inclusive OA.	
Open Access to research publications	Promote and develop repositories services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LIBER libraries systematically implement services and workflow to support OA</li> </ul>	Although not direct work of the WG, LIBER endorsed the Initiative on Open Abstracts.	
Innovative Metrics	Advocate for open metrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LIBER point of view is taken in account in EC discussions</li> </ul>	The WG welcomed the Rights Retention strategy by PlanS.	
Innovative Metrics	-Provide guidance on how to support metrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LIBER members have an overview about new available metrics</li> </ul>	Good guidance with the Report on metrics fluctuation.	



	- Organize LIBER workshop on new metrics and how to implement them in LIBER libraries			
Innovative Metrics	Explore new metrics	- LIBER supports one or two new metrics through workshops	Nothing to report.	N/A
Innovative Peer Review	Investigate landscape and role of libraries	- LIBER members have an overview of ongoing initiatives in the field	A call has been made to form the WG. Nothing yet to report.	N/A
Citizen Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Citizen Science enthusiasts are informed of library support</li> <li>- Overview on Citizen Science actions going on in Europe is available to LIBER members</li> <li>- LIBER organizes a Workshop "Citizen Science" where members can discuss the most valuable actions</li> </ul>	Grow the role of libraries in supporting Citizen Science	<p>The WG -as a whole- is rather silent, which is quite natural because of the summer period, but many individual members are very active and visible in this area. In October key persons of the Group participated in an event in Frankfurter Buchmesse.</p> <p>Members of the WG participated in a project proposal with LIBER, which unfortunately was not funded, despite scoring well.</p>	



## REPORT STEERING COMMITTEE

Date report: 09-10-2020

<b>Name SC: Digital Skills &amp; Services</b>	
Reporting period: June – September 2020	
Chair:	Bertil Dorch
Secretary:	Liisi Lembinen
Member SC:	Cécile Swiatek
Member SC:	Ciara McCaffrey
Member SC:	Lotte Wilms, co-chair
Member SC:	Kirsty Lingstadt, co-chair
Member SC:	Hilde van Kiel
Executive Director:	Astrid Verheusen

<b>Overall progress (Provide an overview of activities and products delivered since the previous report and the planning of upcoming activities and products)</b>	
Activities SC & Working Groups:	<p>Leadership Programmes Working Group</p> <p>Digital skills Working group is terminated after the term.</p> <p>Digital Humanities and Digital Cultural Heritage Working group</p>
Public Events held (e.g. workshops):	
Delivered products:	<p>The Digital Humanities Working Group has paused some of its plans due to the COVID-19 situation and members need to focus on institutional priorities.</p> <p>The focus has been on two aspects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning a Webinar which is scheduled for November looking at IIF and OCR.</li> <li>• Delivery of a Draft Anti-Discrimination Plan for the LIBER Board to consider at its next meeting. The Digital Humanities Group felt strongly that it was important to look at inclusivity and promote this in all areas of work.</li> </ul> <p>The Leadership WG saw its events severely affected by COVID-19:</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The LIBER Journées were postponed to May 2021. We have taken contact now with the speakers and delegates. All of the speakers and most of the delegates have confirmed they will be present in Budapest in 2021. We are monitoring the situation and will finally have to decide February 2021.</li> <li>- Cohort 5 of the Emerging Leadership Programme saw its programme severely affected and was not able to terminate their programme yet. A number of delegates was not able to do their internship and the final seminar could not take place in Belgrade.</li> <li>- The idea to hold this in Amsterdam in December 2020 had to be rejected as well.</li> <li>- We proposed a new time schedule for the Journées and Emerging Leaders to the Board.</li> </ul>
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<b>Budget allocated:</b>	€ 6.000
<b>Realization to date:</b>	€
<b>Remaining budget:</b>	€

<b>Necessary decisions of the Executive Board</b>	
<b>Decision requested:</b>	N/A







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Text and data mining	Develop best practice in supporting TDM e.g. licencing, tools, data storage, visualisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Libraries are able to offer services to researchers</li> <li>- A best practice sheet is available for LIBER members on the LIBER Webpage</li> <li>- LIBER libraries have the skills to support researchers in TDM</li> </ul>		 /  / 
Digital cultural heritage and digital humanities	Partner with digital scholars  (can be done through LIBER WG + DARIAH and CLARIN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Additional value of librarians is acknowledged by scholars</li> <li>- LIBER Website displays a fact sheet "how to partner with digital scholars"</li> <li>- LIBER collaborates at practical level with</li> </ul>		 /  / 



		DARIAH and CLARIN		
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	Digital humanities is planning a Webinar which is scheduled for November looking at IIIF and OCR.	😊
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.		😊/😐/😞
Digital cultural heritage and digital humanities	Promote the role of libraries in digital humanities	- Additional value of librarians is acknowledged by scholars		😊/😐/😞

	(can be done through LIBER WG + DARIAH and CLARIN)	- LIBER Website displays a fact sheet "how to partner with digital scholars"		
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	Leadership in Time of Crisis - Project by cohort5 is planning 1,5 hours' webinar in the fall 2020.  Postponed LIBER Journees due to the COVID-19 planning for May 2021 has been started again. Final decision will be taken in February 2021.	
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		 /  / 



## REPORT STEERING COMMITTEE

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**Date report: 24-09-2020**

<b>Name SC: Research Infrastructure</b>	
<b>Reporting period: June 2020 – September 2020</b>	
<b>Chair:</b>	Dr Birgit Schmidt
<b>Secretary:</b>	Eliane Blumer
<b>Member SC / RDM WG Co-chairs:</b>	Rob Grim
<b>Member SC / LOC WG Chair:</b>	Matias Frosterus
<b>Member SC / Architecture Group Chair:</b>	Sylvia van Peteghem
<b>Member SC / FIM4L WG Co-chair:</b>	Jos Westerbeke
<b>Executive Director:</b>	Astrid Verheusen

<b>Overall progress (Provide an overview of activities and products delivered since the previous report and the planning of upcoming activities and products)</b>	
Activities SC & Working Groups:	<p>The working group on Linked Data published the report summarizing the results of their survey on library linked data publishing (<a href="https://zenodo.org/record/3647844">https://zenodo.org/record/3647844</a>). The WG presented its results at a workshop on "LOD Publication for Libraries" at LIBER2020 (<a href="https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3904123">https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3904123</a>). The workshop combined presentations showcasing various aspects of library linked open data with a review of an advanced draft version of a set of best practices for releasing linked open library data. Based on the discussion in the workshop, a final version will be released in autumn 2020.</p> <p>The RDM WG continues its activities through its task groups on e.g. data stewardship, data curation, the DMP Catalogue, FAIR data and engaging researchers. The WG presented recent results and facilitated a discussion on "Hot Research Data Management Topics" through a workshop at the LIBER2020 conference (<a href="https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3928087">https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3928087</a>), and collected feedback on ongoing work (e.g. guidance on engaging researchers).</p> <p>The Federated Identity Management working group (FIM4L, <a href="https://libereurope.eu/strategy/research-infrastructures/fim4l/">https://libereurope.eu/strategy/research-infrastructures/fim4l/</a>) published guidelines and recommendations for federated identity management for public comments. The consolidated results were presented and discussed in a presentation at the session "Securing and building trust" at LIBER2020 (<a href="http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3921751">http://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.3921751</a>). The official publication of the recommendations is in preparation.</p> <p>The LIBER Architecture Group has successfully relaunched the "Library Buildings in Europe" website (<a href="https://www.librarybuildings.eu/">https://www.librarybuildings.eu/</a>), which was promoted by a blog post (<a href="https://libereurope.eu/blog/2020/06/22/just-launched-library-buildings-in-europe-website/">https://libereurope.eu/blog/2020/06/22/just-launched-library-buildings-in-europe-website/</a>) and social media postings during the Liber conference week.</p> <p>A new WG on applications of Data Science in libraries was discussed at the</p>



	<p>LIBER Board at the February 2020 meeting; the process of founding the group was postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, next steps for opening a call for expressions of interest will be discussed at the Oct 2020 EB meeting.</p> <p>The LIBER Office started a Training Tuesday series which also promotes webinars formerly held by the SC RI (e.g. the popular "Finding and reusing research data", 04/2019).</p>
<b>Public Events held (e.g. workshops):</b>	Workshops and session contributions to LIBER2020 as described above.
<b>Delivered products:</b>	As described above.

<b>Status of budget utilisation</b>	
<b>Budget allocated:</b>	€ 6.000
<b>Realization to date:</b>	€ 327
<b>Remaining budget:</b>	€ 5673





<b>Necessary decisions of the Executive Board</b>	
<b>Decision requested:</b>	<p>Proposal for the next steps for the Data Science in Libraries WG (cf. input for EB meeting).</p> <p>Endorsement of the FIM4L recommendations by the LIBER EB.</p>



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Research data management / data stewardship	Build capacity among library professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LIBER members know the available capacities</li> <li>- Skills have improved at LIBER libraries and they have the skills to support researchers</li> </ul>	The RDM WG is working on the following analysis : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Library professionals job descriptions</li> <li>- Outline of responsibilities and tasks</li> <li>- Implementation strategies for libraries to improve staff skills</li> </ul>	🟢
Research data management / Data Curation	Framework for integrating data curation into training for researchers (following the CURATE model and use it early in the data life cycle to train researchers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase awareness and understanding of the importance of curation</li> <li>- Place the role of the libraries in data curation and its training offer</li> </ul>	The RDM WG is currently collecting all contents for such a framework – main references, training examples, infographic ideas.  Moreover, the RDM WG is currently reaching out to speakers for the next edition of the RDM webinar series (to be foreseen for Q4 2020).	🟢
Research data management / Engaging with researchers	Work on a “how to engage with researchers” guideline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Facilitate the interaction with researchers</li> </ul>	RDM WG group is working on guidelines on how to better engage with researchers.	🟢
Research data management / DMP Catalogue	Continue work on DMP Catalogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increase visibility of DMP Catalogue to LIBER members</li> <li>- Increase usefulness of catalogue to catalogue</li> </ul>	Ongoing work: Further extension of the <b>DMP Catalogue</b> foreseen based on the survey outcomes and direct acquisition of further DMPs.	🟢

		end users		
Research Data Management / workshop for LIBER2020	Create capacity in libraries to support FAIR data	- Theme of a LIBER annual conference, or a LIBER workshop	The RDM WG contributed a <b>workshop</b> to LIBER2020 with focus ' <u><a href="#">Hot RDM topics' from a library perspective: what are the challenges and what role can library professionals play?</a></u>	
Research data management / FAIR	Advocate for FAIR data	- The point of view of LIBER is known (e.g. RDA, EC, EUA/LERU/UNICA, W3C)	<p>Close exchange with RDA (via Interest Groups: Libraries for Research Data, Long Tail, Training, etc.) has been established, further exchange via EU projects (e.g. EOSCpilot, RDA Europe, FOSTER).</p> <p>A recent activity of the RDA L4RD IGs was to create a set of Top 10 FAIR Data Things which refers to our guidance for the role of libraries in the implementation of FAIR (cf. Thing 10 in <a href="http://librarycarpentry.org/Top10FAIR/10-library-research/index.html">http://librarycarpentry.org/Top10FAIR/10-library-research/index.html</a>).</p> <p>The RDM WG explores further opportunities of collaboration with other initiatives.</p> <p>The RDM WG works on an update of the FAIR factsheet, based on recent findings in <b>FAIRness of Repositories &amp; their Data</b> report (June 2019).</p>	
Semantic interoperability; open linked data	Facilitate the exchange of expertise on enhancing scholarly data and related services	<p>- Theme of a LIBER annual conference, or a LIBER workshop</p> <p>- Case examples of libraries implementing LOD</p> <p>- Pilot projects (EC) to study semantic interoperability of research infrastructures</p>	The LOD WG has created a <b>survey on LOD publishing</b> for libraries while taking into account similar surveys (e.g. by OCLC), the summary report is under development.	
Semantic interoperability; open linked data	Facilitate the exchange of expertise on enhancing scholarly data and related services	<p>- Theme of a LIBER annual conference, or a LIBER workshop</p> <p>- Case examples of libraries implementing LOD</p> <p>- Pilot projects (EC) to study semantic</p>	The LOD WG analysed the results from their survey on library linked open data publishing and published a report detailing their conclusions.	

		interoperability of research infrastructures		
Semantic interoperability; open linked data	Facilitate the exchange of expertise on enhancing scholarly data and related services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Theme of a LIBER annual conference, or a LIBER workshop</li> <li>- Case examples of libraries implementing LOD</li> <li>- Pilot projects (EC) to study semantic interoperability of research infrastructures</li> </ul>	The WG is now working on a best practices document for libraries considering publishing of their data as LOD. The document aims to highlight a couple of example cases and provide a step-by-step guide detailing the various decision points in the publication process. Finally, contrary to many other guides on LOD, the document aims to address the process also from a non-technical viewpoint. A draft version of the document was presented at the LIBER summer virtual conference and the final version will take the feedback from that workshop into account. A finalized version of the best practices will be released in autumn 2020.	🟢
Shared services & cloud services	Produce overview of landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- LIBER Website provides an overview about the available services for LIBER libraries</li> <li>- LIBER libraries provide case studies and best practices on different kinds of shared services</li> </ul>	<p>More generally, the action area also relates to the European Open Science Cloud (incl. the finalised EOSCpilot project). Some members of the SC RI are directly involved in the EOSC activities (e.g. EOSC Secretariat, FAIR Working Group).</p> <p>The FIM4L WG presented its guide and recommendations on federated identity management at LIBER2020. The WG currently prepares the publication of the recommendations together with the LIBER Office and seeks endorsement by the EB. It will also organise a webinar to further promote the WG results (foreseen for Q4 2020).</p>	🟢
Shared services	Present state-of-the-art library buildings in Europe through a user-friendly platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Redesign and development of a new portal showcasing new or refurbished library buildings in Europe</li> <li>- Manage the website and regular updates</li> </ul>	Based on collaboration with the company La Tempesta the "Library Buildings in Europe" website was relaunched with 37 items (with 20 items from 2012-2016 and 17 items from 2016-2020). The LAG will continue to expand and curate the collection.	🟢
Disciplinary partnership	Engage in joint capacity building (training) with disciplinary communities e.g. via CLARIN	- LIBER provides guidance for libraries for engagement (through Website, of fact sheet)	Projects: A working relationship with the SSH community has been established via the SSHOC project	🟢
Disciplinary partnership	Facilitate engagement with e-infra	- LIBER provides guidance for libraries for engagement (through website, or fact sheet)	Projects: see above.	🟢