International Projects Report

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Introduction

From November 2017 project work continued steadily despite the holiday season. Some of the projects are coming to an end within the next 5 months and we are trying to maximize our impact on them and also maximize the return of investment for LIBER in terms of effort spent and results.

Project Officers assigned to projects

Valentino Cavalli: AARC2, EOSCpilot

Gwen Frank: OpenAIRE2020

Vasso Kalaitzi: EOSCpilot, EUDAT, OpenMinTeD

Martine Oudenhoven:, FOSTER Plus, OpenMinTeD

Simone Sacchi: HuMetricsHSS, all

NOTE: all members of the LIBER Office also provide multi-functional support across all projects

Ongoing projects

AARC2

As part of its work in NA2 "Training and Outreach" of the AARC2 project LIBER has attended a plenary meeting in November. During that meeting responsibility for the LIBER contribution was transferred from Martine Oudenhoven to Valentino Cavalli. After the meeting, a roadmap outlining the specific engagement activities that will be lead by LIBER in Q2 and Q3 of 2018, had been prepared and shared with the NA2 Activity Leader. The outline envisages actions

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related to advocacy, liaison with piloting federated Trust and Identity activities, and promotion activities.

EOSCpilot

LIBER, co-leading the work package of "Engagement and Communication", is participating in the Executive board calls and shares responsibility in coordinating the scope of activities, plan of action, division of tasks and setting of deadlines within the work package. Some of the key activities in the period of November 2017 to date were the following:

- Drafting, planning and coordination of workshops and events (EOSC Stakeholder event in Brussels: participating in calls of Programme Committee and contributing to planning events sessions, Planning for intermediaries workshop during IDCC2018, discussion/investigation of further workshop possibilities)
- Participation, engagement, communication and dissemination activities during the EOSC Stakeholder event in Brussels.
- Engagement activities using the LIBER network, LIBER channels and social media; actively promoting the project's news via targeted communication activities by creating content (blogposts, videos, social media posts) on both LIBER's and the project's communication channels.
- Communication and dissemination of EOSCpilot activities; planning, production, editing and uploading of video-interviews from events (9 videos of the EOSC Stakeholder event in Brussels), social media, photos.

Future activities include the organisation of the workshop "How Research Institutions And Libraries Can Help Deliver The European Open Science Cloud" that will take place on February 19th 2018 in Barcelona during the IDCC18 event, the respective communication activities, as well as the following up and update of the engagement and communication activities as described in the DoA and in D8.2 "Stakeholder Identification and Engagement Strategy Plan" delivered in June 2017.

LIBER is also participating in the work packages for "Policy" (WP3) and "Skills" (WP7). Work in WP3 consisted in providing input on a EOSC Policy landscape analysis Deliverable. Future work will focus on contribution about policy recommendations concerning Open Science. Work on WP7 related to data stewardship skill evaluation, as well as for the deliverable in cataloguing EOSC skills training and educational materials.

EUDAT2020

As part of its work in the "Communication, Outreach and Training" work package of the EUDAT2020 project LIBER has performed the following activities in the period of November 2017 to date:

- Planning, production, editing and dissemination of promotional videos of the EUDAT sessions/presentations before the DI4R event, which was co-organised by EUDAT.
- Communication, dissemination and engagement activities during the DI4R event.
- Planning, production, editing and dissemination of video interviews based on the EUDAT sessions/presentations during the DI4R event.
- Planning, coordination and organisation of the co-located event "Research data management: interoperability, collaboration, and the research library role", which took place on January 23rd 2018 during the EUDAT Conference in Porto.

- Communication, dissemination and engagement activities during the EUDAT Conference in Porto, including the production of several video-interviews. These video-interviews will be edited and uploaded on the EUDAT YouTube channel in early February 2018.
- Support in terms of reporting on EUDAT Conference sessions.
- Creation of content (posts, videos, tweets, etc) and various communication and dissemination activities using LIBER's and the project's communication channels.

LIBER is on track with the responsibilities related to the EUDAT project and managed to keep up with communication and engagement activities that haven't taken place during the first semester of 2017.

Future activities while the project is reaching its end:

- Investigating the possibility of having a webinar session on RDM needs (including training) and EUDAT services in February 2018. A collaboration with the respective LIBER WG would be ideal.
- Contributing to the writing/editing of two deliverables: (EUDAT conference report and final communications deliverable)

The EUDAT2020 Project will conclude its activities at the end of February 2018.

FOSTER Plus

This driven and motivated consortium has undertaken a lot of steps between November 2017 and January 2018. The main goal of the project is to improve the skills of researchers and other stakeholders, that are necessary for the practical implementation of open science. LIBER is involved in two Work Packages, one on training (WP3) and one on advocacy (WP5).

In the advocacy work package, LIBER has been involved in compiling an advocacy toolkit for open science, reviewing a policy briefing, reviewing applicants who want to be authors of the open science training handbook, managing social media during several weeks and undertaking the first steps towards an open science trainers directory. The work in work package 5 is done in close collaboration with SUB Göttingen. The most successful initiative of LIBER in this work package, was making the Open Science Cafe toolkit including a manual openly available for download on the FOSTER platform. This generated a lot of positive awareness for open science, the project, and LIBER.

Most LIBER effort in this period however has been spent on preparing for the open science trainer bootcamp, a task that LIBER is leading. This will take place in April in Barcelona. In total 55 people applied for the bootcamp, and the consortium selected 28 fully funded participants and 3 participants who were able to bring their own funds. Among the participants are early career researchers from different disciplines, as well as librarians and research support staff. Besides many logistical arrangements, the programme is starting to take shape.

HuMetricsHSS

The HuMetricsHSS team foces their effort during the months of December 2017 and January 2018 on two core tasks for the project: a) the preparation of the upcoming workshop titled "Syllabus: object and indicator of scholarship" (to be held at Michigan State University on

March 1-2, 2018) where we bring together 10 scholarly expert to analyse the scholarly object type "sillabus" (which is usually underrepresented and underrewarded as a scholarly output) accoriding to the HuMetricsHSS value-based framework. The outcome of the workshop is to devise and characterize indicators of embedded values in syllabi. In parallel we are working with the Data Science team at Michigan State University to mine and analyze an open corpus of syllabi (obtained from the Open Syllabus Project) to assess how much automation can be brought into an analysis of syllabi both as scholarly objects and objects bearing indicator of value-based scholarship.

OpenAIRE2020

In OpenAIRE we focused on activities related to the open calls for alternative (non-APC) business models, on reporting and continuing the administration of the pilot fund, in particular:

● preparation of a workshop focusing on business models for non-author fee open access publishing platforms in The Hague, on 5/6 April 2018
● preparation of final reports - evaluating the Pilot + extension period.

Current status: as of January 25th, 2018. 901 author fees have been processed through the Pilot website, for a total amount of € 1 533 000. 825 articles have been funded for a total of €1195000 - leading to an average value of €1449 and a median value of €1405 per article (which is well below our funding cap of €2000 per article). 58 book processing charges have been paid, for a total of € 319 000. A total of 1027 FP7 projects will have applied for funding. We estimate that in the last 6 weeks, an additional 100 publications will be approved. At the end of the Pilot, an estimated additional 200 publications will be processed via pre-payment agreements with selected open access publishers (who offered a discount on their APC).

Call for alternative funding mechanisms: the alternative funding mechanism is an instrument to economically support Open Access (OA) journals and platforms which do not charge any Article Processing Charges to their authors. APC-free Open Access journals/platforms that have published articles eligible for funding under the EC FP7 Post-Grant OA Pilot (i.e. articles resulting from finished FP7 projects) may apply for funding from OpenAIRE. s. The second call, launched in October 2017 with a running period from January 2018 until June 2018, focuses on alternative business models. The selected bids are:

● Mattering Press: a consortium of 6 scholar-led open access book publishers will investigate how to transition away from charging book processing charges by developing a single platform for open access books that will experiment with alternative means of funding.
● IBL PAN:The Institute of Literary Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences will design a sustainable open access business model for their journals, starting with a pilot for the most prominent journal in their portfolio 'Teksty Drugie' .This will happen in collaboration with the OpenEdition revues.org platform.
● SciPost: The SciPost Foundation will implement its consortial funding model, recruit Fellows for its editorial colleges and create a portal template that will be reusable beyond the field of physics.
● FAOO: support the 'flipping' of journals in Linguistics and Mathematics according to the Fair Open Access principles
● Language Science Press: creation of a manual for community based open access publishing initiatives, together with the business data and business model – in order

to provide an evidence-based business model canvas for start-up initiatives in linguistics and other disciplines
- Open Library of Humanities: OLH wants to solidify and scale-up their already successful business model, in order to ensure long-term sustainability by increasing the number of libraries and consortia participating

The OpenAIRE Project will conclude its activities at the end of June 2018.

OpenMinTeD

In November, Martine Oudenhoven attended the consortium meeting in Athens. The next and last consortium meeting is scheduled for February in France. The OpenMinTeD project will finish in May and the review is expected to take place in July in Brussels.

During this final phase, the role of LIBER as work package lead on community engagement and sustainability is ever more important. LIBER has been leading the work package with regular Skype calls and empowering and supporting the task leaders in this work package, while working on more dissemination material (TDM story sheets, interviews, social media, supporting partners with their outreach etc.). The main engagement strategy is intended to use the potential and network of all 16 partners, rather than 'doing outreach for them'. In this line, LIBER has prepared 'dissemination kits' for the open calls that all consortium partners can use to communicate with their network. These kits contain short communication plans, visuals, news items, basic texts for emails and tweets and a contact list to keep track of who have already been contacted by whom. LIBER has also been involved in OpenMinTeD workshops at Force11, from assisting with the abstract submission to sitting on a panel and developing feedback cards to stimulate interaction.

As part of work package 3 (training), LIBER has finished the last LIBER-deliverable (D3.4) of OpenMinTeD. LIBER is also leading the set-up of a front-end consulting service for the platform, a task that is largely done. Last but not least, LIBER has initiated and is working on an online TDM course for libraries. Inspiration for this course and its content was found through personal contact at conferences and through a Twitter poll aimed at librarians. In total, 58 people voted on what they would like to see in an online TDM course for libraries.

The OpenMinTeD Project will conclude its activities at the end of May 2018.