



International Projects Report

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Introduction

August 2017 saw the end of the FutureTDM project, and in the first half of 2018, EUDAT, OpenAIRE and OpenMinTeD will be completed as well. We are currently actively exploring new partnership to bootstrap a new cycle of projects for the upcoming 2018. After the many changes occurred in the office during last Spring, now the Project Officers lineup is again complete and stable, according to the project commitments LIBER currently have, and we are steadily making very effective progress across all projects.

Project Officers

Valentino Cavalli: AARC2, EOSCpilot, EUDAT

Gwen Frank: OpenAIRE2020

Vasso Kalaitzi: EOSCpilot, EUDAT, OpenMinTeD

Martine Oudenhoven: AARC2, FOSTER Plus, FutureTDM, OpenMinTeD

Simone Sacchi: HuMetricsHSS

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

AARC2

The AARC2 Project initiated in May 2017. Because of the limited resources and effort available for this project, LIBER has not been active in this project yet. It has been discussed with the WP and task lead that LIBER will focus on an engagement strategy aimed at libraries and work in 'blocks' of time. Otherwise the effort would be spread too thinly to be productive. A strategy will be developed by the end of 2017 and activities will follow from this. A consortium meeting happened in Amsterdam mid-November where both Martine

Oudenhoven and Valentino Cavalli represented LIBER, with Valentino taking over the work on the project from Martine.

EOSCpilot

The EOSCpilot project, started in January 2017, is reaching its first year of activities. Since July 2017, Valentino Cavalli has taken on the role of principal Project Officer for LIBER and co-leadership of the project Work Package 8 “Engagement and Communication”. The last quarter saw an even stronger commitment of LIBER in the project engagement, training, and policy areas with both Valentino and Vasso contributing. The EOSCpilot project organized seven sessions at the Open Science Fair in Athens on 6-8 September:

- Towards a Policy Framework for the European Open Science Cloud: the EOSC pilot perspective
- Open Science Monitor
- Open science policy aspects in the context of EOSC governance framework
- How FAIR friendly is your data catalogue?
- National and European e-Infrastructure Cooperation for Open Science
- EOSC meets enterprises’ needs!
- FAIR metrics - Starring your data sets

LIBER has contributed to these sessions in various ways, by coordinating the organisation of all sessions, with input from multiple stakeholders and project workpackages, by directly organising and running some of them, by actively promoting them via targeted communication activities by creating content (blogposts, videos, social media posts) on both LIBER’s and the project’s communication channels. social media.

LIBER staff are contributing to the work of the Programme Committee responsible for the 1st EOSC Stakeholder Forum, happening in Brussels on 28-29 November. LIBER has been producing a list of stakeholders to be invited to the event and is responsible for a session bringing together research libraries, academic institutions and research communities. LIBER is also responsible for organizing an EOSCpilot workshop, targeting Academic Institutions and their libraries, and their role in fostering the uptake of the EOSC within their scientific communities. A workshop proposal has been accepted to co-locate the workshop with IDCC 2018, to happen in February 2018 in Barcelona, Spain. Furthermore, LIBER, as the co-leader of WP8 “Engagement & Communication”, undertakes and coordinates the respective 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 actively contributing and supporting the work of WP7 “Skill” and WP3 “Policies”.

EUDAT2020

As part of its work in the Policy work package of the EUDAT2020 project LIBER has provided input to a report on Open Access and Restricted Data. The report (D2.8) is a full revision of an earlier deliverable on restricted data. The report looks at the legal requirements on information service providers in storing and processing personal data under the EU General

Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the particular impacts of the GDPR on the EUDAT CDI and EUDAT service providers, and offers a number of supporting policies, technical approaches and guidelines for EUDAT in managing, storing and processing open and restricted data.

LIBER is so far on track with the responsibilities related to the Communications Work Package. We have co-organised a workshop at the OSFair2017 and created content for both LIBER's and the project's communication channels. LIBER will implement the following dissemination, engagement and communication activities under this work package in the following months:

- Articles on the results achieved by EUDAT with regards to the libraries community
- Participation in the DI4R event (November 2017) to do interviews with speakers and participants, leading to a short video of the conference, as well as a couple of written interviews
- Participation in final EUDAT Conference (January 2017), supporting the promotion of the conference, organization of a co-located event on EUDAT CDI and Libraries, communication support during the event
- Social media support
- Contribution to the writing of two deliverables (EUDAT conference report and final communications deliverable)
- Webinar for libraries either in November or in February (tbc)
- Feedback on revamping EUDAT website

FOSTER Plus

The FOSTER Plus project kicked off at the end of May in Guimaraes, Portugal, where Simone Sacchi and Martine Oudenhoven attended on behalf of LIBER. Ever since, an enthusiastic consortium has taken a lot of steps. LIBER is involved in two Work Packages, one on training (WP3) and one on advocacy (WP5). LIBER was co-author of the advocacy strategy that has been submitted, ensuring it would include two-way-communications and engagement. LIBER is also task leader of the "Open Science Trainer bootcamp", that will take place in April 2018 in Barcelona. The call for participants went out and received an outstanding number of application. On top of this LIBER has contributed to the organization of a book sprint that will take place in February, the development of an advocacy toolkit and a trainer's directory. This is still ongoing work.

FutureTDM

After the final FutureTDM symposium in June, LIBER worked on reimbursements of symposium speakers, contributed to blogposts and social media and prepared for the final review of the project on October 6th. Martine Oudenhoven represented LIBER at this review, presenting the activity of Work Package 2 "Stakeholder Engagement", which LIBER led. The initial responses were very positive and the project was congratulated with its well organized work and good results. At the previous review, it was already said that the stakeholder

engagement roadmap developed by LIBER was very good, and the reviewer was equally impressed with the execution of the plan. The results of communications and dissemination were mentioned to be “very good”. The detailed report will follow.

HuMetricsHSS

The HuMetricsHSS pilot project started in July 2017, as the first project in the LIBER portfolio to be funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Current partners in the project are Michigan State University, the Modern Language Association, the Social Science Research Council, Altmetric, and K|N Consulting. The HuMetricsHSS pilot kicked off from the more general HuMetricsHSS initiative and intends to develop and support a values-based framework of indicators for excellence for the humanities and social science, with a series of weekly call between the co-PIs that led to the organization of the first (of three) 2.5 days intensive HuMetricsHSS workshop on the topic “The value of values”, held at MSU at the beginning of October 2017. The goal of the workshop was to test and refine the initial assumptions of the initiatives in terms of the value we identified as supporting excellence in the Humanities and Social Science, and brought together a selected group of academics, with diverse background, and level of seniority, research administrators and metrics experts. The workshop was a success that exceeded the expectation of the co-PIs and was extremely well received by the participants and on social media, and many participants intend to replicate a similar exercise at their own institutions. Next steps in the project will be to refine the framework according to the feedback gathered in the workshop and test the framework against pairs of underrewarded scholarly object/process, the first example being the creation of a syllabus. The HuMetricsHSS Initiative has been presented at:

- LIBER 2017 | 46th Annual LIBER Conference, July 5-7, 2017 , Patras, Greece (Simone Sacchi, LIBER)
- IFLA World Library and Information Congress, 19–25 August 2017, Wrocław, Poland (Stacy Konkiel, Altmetric)
- RESSH 2017, 6–7 July 2017, Antwerp, Belgium (NiCky Agate, MLA)
- 4:AM The Altmetric Conference, 26-29 September 2017, Toronto, Canada (Rebecca Kennison, Stacy Konkiel)
- FORCE2017, 25-27 October 2017, Berlin, Germany (Nicky Agate, Simone Sacchi)

The next HuMetricsHSS workshop will be held again at Michigan State University in March 2018.

OpenAIRE2020

After the extension from May 2017 to February 2018 LIBER, as leader of WP5 and responsible for the management of the fund to support post-FP7 open access publications, continued the ongoing task of managing submissions proposals for the fund. At the same time, LIBER completed and submitted the project deliverable D5.4 “Second periodic report on APC uptake and metrics” and is working on the deliverable 5.5 “Roadmap for a sustainable and competitive market for open access publishing”. LIBER also led the

preparation and implementation of a second public call for alternative funding mechanism for Open Access publishing, where OpenAIRE invited the submission of proposals to develop, pilot, and apply business models other than author fee based ones. A review board is currently reviewing the received proposals and final notification to the successful ones will be sent out at the beginning of December 2017. Engagement and dissemination activities around this call will follow, including blog posts, social media promotion and a webinar.

OpenMinTeD

Although the development of the OpenMinTeD platform is behind schedule, the platform has taken shape and allows a number of functions to be performed. Unfortunately it is still not ready enough to fully go public.

Meanwhile the engagement and dissemination activities have fully continued. In June, the release of a series of short videos called 'TDMstories' was finalized, leading to a total of 12 TDMstories on youtube, all produced by LIBER. LIBER also published and helped partners with several blogposts and the dissemination of those posts on social media. One of the top stories was 'On the role of a university library in the TDM landscape' that was also published on the FutureTDM and LIBER website. On the FutureTDM website alone it was viewed over 8000 times.

LIBER was also involved in the organization of the following events on behalf of OpenMinTeD: a TDM workshop at the LIBER conference in Patras, the Open Science Fair in Athens in September (workshop on TDM and Open Science Café) and multiple workshops at the FORCE2017 Conference in Berlin.

A lot of effort is also spent on organizing and supporting the communications of project-specific events, like the publication of an open call for content for the platform and the publication of guidelines.