
EU PROJECTS ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015

Europeana Newspapers

LIBER's role in the [Europeana Newspapers](#) project formally ended on 31 January 2015. The project has continued for a further two months but the communications work which was previously done by LIBER has now been taken over by other partners participating in the prolongation. The final project meeting was held in Tallinn in mid-January and LIBER was strongly praised for its success in promoting the project. In the final deliverables which LIBER prepared for the Commission, we were able to show that our communications efforts were successful at a number of levels. Notably, KPIs such as traffic to the project website and number of presentations made about the project were achieved. We were also able to show that our work pushed traffic to the historical newspaper collections of the project on Europeana and The European Library. In September, LIBER oversaw the organisation of a much-praised final workshop in London, focusing on the issues surrounding historical newspaper digitisation, and seven Information Days. The final project review will be held in Luxembourg in May and LIBER will attend to present its work to the Commission.

RECODE

LIBER's role in the [RECODE](#) project formally ended on 31 January 2015 as well. The project was prolonged for a further two months but LIBER was not involved in this extension. In January LIBER was represented at the successful final conference in Athens, Greece. LIBER President Kristiina Hormia-Poutanen participated in the grand challenges panel session.

One of the outcomes from the project was a set of Policy Recommendations for Open Access to Research Data in Europe. A booklet containing the recommendations was produced and LIBER received over 200 copies to disseminate during the next LIBER Annual Conference.

Europeana Cloud

[Europeana Cloud](#) received a very favourable review from the European Commission in March 2015. The reviewers gave the project an overall mark of Excellent and said it was exceeding expectations, with special mentions for the technical work, the strategy and business model and the quality of the communications work, which is led by WP6. LIBER's primary role is in WP6 and, since the beginning, LIBER has helped extensively to update and maintain the website, to communicate activity via social media and to present the project at external events. In April 2015, WP6 and WP1 (in which LIBER also has some effort) collaborated to launch the [Europeana Research](#) website – a portal where Europeana's potential uses for researchers are being brought together. The Europeana Research site is currently at an early stage but will continue to evolve over the coming months. Through Europeana Cloud, for example, user requirements and feedback will be sought from research communities and infrastructures. The next all-hands meeting for Europeana Cloud takes place in Edinburgh in June and Melanie Imming will attend on behalf of LIBER.

FOSTER

[FOSTER](#) is now in month 15 of 24. The full launch of the enhanced version of the FOSTER Portal, which will host training contents and e-learning materials, will take place in May 2015, and partners are currently involved in crafting a range of training courses that will help various stakeholders (including researchers, data managers, research administrators,

funders and publishers) to embed Open Access/Science procedures into their daily workflows. In January, LIBER oversaw the production of a report on liaison activities from the first year of the project (our main deliverable), and will continue to contribute to dissemination work in the next year to increase the visibility of the FOSTER brand. In 2014, 17 FOSTER events in 13 countries were attended by approximately 1,700 people. A new calendar of training events across Europe will take place in 2015 and will be published this month: FOSTER will co-sponsor 24 training events and workshops in 19 different countries. LIBER will be involved in any of the events related to libraries. We have already contributed to a workshop entitled 'Comparing Notes: Training Librarians for Research Data Management Support' at the DCC's annual conference in London in February, and we are now helping to prepare workshops and/or presentations for the LINQ (May, Brussels), LIBER (June, London) and EARMA (June, Leiden) 2015 conferences.

PASTEUR4OA

We are now halfway through the [PASTEUR4OA](#) project. This project focuses on the coordination and development of open access policies in Europe. LIBER attended the expert workshop held in London in December 2014. A schema is developed through which OA policies can be expressed, and a report on Open Access policies throughout Europe has been drafted. LIBER's main responsibility will be to organise the final event in 2016, which will be held in Brussels at the end of May/beginning of June 2016. Furthermore, LIBER is involved in the dissemination of the project results.

EUDAT2020

LIBER Projects Manager Melanie Imming and Communications Officer Friedel Grant attended the March kick-off of [EUDAT2020](#) in Helsinki – an extension of the original EUDAT project. In its first three years, beginning in October 2012, EUDAT laid the foundations for a common data infrastructure and established a suite of research data services. The current phase aims to attract the participation of even more research communities and to lay out plans for the sustainable continuation of EUDAT beyond the lifetime of the project. LIBER's main roles are within WP2, the group assigned to tackle policy and data preservation issues within EUDAT, and WP3, the group responsible for communicating the project to its target audiences. During the kick-off, LIBER attended meetings for both groups and is now actively involved with the tasks assigned to each work package. In WP3, for example, LIBER has taken responsibility for the monthly EUDAT newsletter and has already written articles for the website.

OpenAIRE2020

Three months after the [OpenAIRE2020](#) kick-off meeting was held in Athens, there has been significant progress in the preparation for the launch of the EC FP7 post-grant Gold Open Access Pilot (OpenAIRE2020 Work Package 5, led by LIBER). While the first funding requests have already arrived from eligible researchers and projects following the late-February 2015 dissemination of the Pilot press release¹ and have subsequently been processed, plans are to have this Pilot soft launched at the end of April-beginning of May 2015. Parallel work has been carried out on:

- Putting together and building wide consensus on a final set of policy guidelines;
- Designing the technical and economic workflows that will drive the initiative;
- Developing and testing a central service for collecting and managing funding requests;
- Engaging with a number of European institutions that will collaborate with LIBER

¹ 'Pilot Launched: Funding Open Access for Post-Grant FP7 Publications'(press release),
<https://www.openaire.eu/did-you-know/highlights/pilot-launched-to-cover-costs-of-oa-publishing>

- in the Pilot kick-off stage²;
- Delivering early information on the initiative to the dozens of people who asked for more details after the press release was published.

The final bits and pieces of information are now being assembled in collaboration with the project partners in Athens, London, Utrecht and Göttingen to ensure that the imminent launch of the initiative will be a success.

Future Projects

LEARN

The goal of this project is to develop the LERU Roadmap for Research Data in order to build a coordinated e-infrastructure across Europe and beyond. LEARN will deliver a model research Research Data Management (RDM) policy, a Toolkit to support implementation, and an Executive Briefing in five core languages so as to ensure wide outreach.

LIBER will lead the Dissemination Work Package, and is involved in all the work packages. As co-author of the Roadmap, LIBER will continue to contribute to policy development work and engagement to promote the relevance of the Roadmap to the work of research libraries.

OpenMineTeD

OpenMineTeD aspires to enable the creation of an infrastructure that fosters and facilitates the use of text mining technologies in the scientific publications world building on existing text mining tools and platforms.

LIBER's role in this project will be to collaborate in the scholarly communication use cases from requirements to implementation. LIBER will also participate in the legal aspects of the interoperability framework specifications working groups and in the support & training activities, providing links to FOSTER and GARRI. LIBER, acting as the major liaison to publishers, will lead the Community Engagement activities Work Package.

LIBER will lead a task on policy and planning for data access, contribute to the investigation of environments and requirements from the library domain and to the projects communications activities.

AARC

The goal of AARC is to address technical and functional gaps that prevent the interoperability of existing R&E Authentication and Authorisation Infrastructures (AAI). AARC objectives are to deliver the design of an integrated cross-discipline AAI framework, built on federated access production services (eduGAIN) and to increase the uptake of federated access within different research communities.

LIBER's role in this project will be to gather contributions to a gap analysis and to promote federated identity management to the library community. LIBER will also run workshops to increase awareness and develop skills in the use of federated identity management.

FUTURE TDM

The present use of Text and Data Mining in Europe is significantly lower than in the US and Asia, most probably due to limitations imposed by the European legal framework. The FutureTDM project identifies and reduces the barriers that inhibit the uptake of TDM. It adopts a bottom-up approach by initiating dialogue between all relevant stakeholders, engaging them via knowledge cafés, workshops and representation on the advisory board to help identify

2 "First Workshop on Post-Grant Gold OA Pilot", <https://www.openaire.eu/did-you-know/highlights/first-workshop-on-post-grant-gold-oa-pilot>

barriers, common solutions and increase awareness of TDM practices and their potential. This combined approach will lead to developing policy frameworks and interdisciplinary case-driven practitioner guidelines. Another outcome of the project will be a Collaborative Knowledge Base and Open Information Hub (www.FutureTDM.eu). This dynamic platform will showcase excellence in TDM research and data-driven innovation and serve as reference for current and future TDM practitioners ensuring broader TDM uptake to boost Europe's research and innovation capacities.

LIBER will lead the Stakeholder integration, workshops and advocacy work package, and is involved in almost all the other work packages as well.

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