



## EU PROJECTS REPORT

2014 - 2015

Work carried out per project during this period:

### **PASTEUR4OA**

The bulk of LIBER's effort in the [Pasteur4OA](#) project, which aims to help develop and align open access strategies and policies in Europe, over the past year has focused on the organisation of the final Pasteur4OA conference, which took place on May 17-18 in Amsterdam. The planning of the conference was a task assigned to LIBER, and we have therefore taken primary responsibility for all aspects of the event.

Our work included finding a venue, creating a programme, inviting speakers, inviting guests, setting up a conference website and writing a communications plan. Notably, LIBER also ensured that the event was officially [associated](#) with the Dutch Presidency of the EU. All of these activities were coordinated with and supported by a planning group made up of key project partners. LIBER leads calls with this group, on average twice a month.

In the final month leading up to the conference, LIBER actively managed all aspects of the conference. We liaised with the venue to go over final planning details, answered questions from some 150 speakers and guests, provided detailed guidelines for all speakers and moderators, printed promotional materials, stuffed conference bags, and created a detailed plan to ensure that everything ran smoothly on the day.

Via the Pasteur Communications Work Package, LIBER also invited others in the consortium to support communications activities around the conference. This group reviewed the Communications Plan and committed to help with tasks such as social media activity and filming of short interviews during the conference. In addition, LIBER helped to promote PASTEUR more generally by taking responsibility for its social media channels on the third week of each month.

### **LIBER Libraries involved in the project:**

1. [National Documentation Centre](#), Athens, Greece
2. [Library and Information Centre of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences](#), Budapest, Hungary
3. [Oslo University Library](#), Oslo, Norway
4. [University of Minho – Documentation Services](#), Minho, Portugal

### **FUTURE TDM**

The [FutureTDM](#) project kicked off in Vienna on 15 September. LIBER is one of nine partners in this project which aims to identify barriers to Text and Data Mining in the EU and improve uptake. Since September, LIBER has been heavily involved in the work of FutureTDM,



having written a Stakeholder Involvement Roadmap and Engagement [Strategy](#) and a Communications and Exploitation [Plan](#).

Activities to gather feedback on TDM from stakeholders, FutureTDM workshops and Knowledge Cafes are organised in the work package led by LIBER. Therefore we ran a successful workshop “[the Future’s all Mine](#)” in December 2015. We organised and presented at the first official Knowledge Café in [Leiden](#) and produced lots of attractive outputs including a [video](#) and a ‘meet the TDM community’ [collage](#). In April, we held an incredibly successful open science café along-side three of our other projects at the [Dutch Presidency Conference](#) on open science. The FutureTDM cafe was attended by high level participants including Julia Reda MEP.

Furthermore, LIBER has been heavily involved in the development of the FutureTDM project website [www.project.futuretdm.eu](http://www.project.futuretdm.eu), writing the first blogs, and we played a key role in raising the visibility of FutureTDM e.g. via [social media](#). To make the project more accessible and as an invitation for the TDM community to get more involved, we produced an animated [video](#). We also secured one of only two stands at the Commissions Digital4EU stakeholder event in Brussels. As well as writing several blogs for the project we have also contributed to several external articles. As well as being the stakeholder engagement work package lead, we have had significant involvement in all of the work packages.

#### **LIBER Libraries involved in the project:**

1. [Radboud University Library](#), Nijmegen, Netherlands
2. [The British Library](#), London, United Kingdom
3. [University of Amsterdam](#), Amsterdam, Netherlands

#### **OpenAIRE2020**

Almost a year already since the initiative was launched, the OpenAIRE FP7 Post-Grant Open Access Pilot keeps steadily growing and as of the end of May it has granted close to 400 funding requests for the Open Access publishing fees of articles, books and book chapters resulting from finished FP7 projects.

At the beginning of May, the alternative funding mechanism has also been launched to fund APC-free Open Access journals and platforms, <https://www.openaire.eu/are-you-publishing-your-apc-free-oa-journal-on-a-shoestring>. This complementary funding initiative to the one that covers APC and BPC fees will provide funding for implementing technical improvements to APC-free OA journals that have published articles arising from finished FP7 projects. A maximum of 200,000 euros will be awarded for up to 12 funding bids collected from such journals and platforms. The call for proposals will remain open until June 30<sup>th</sup> and the winning bids will be announced on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> after a thorough assessment by the Pilot partner team.

Conversations are also going on with a number of publishers – Copernicus, BioMed Central and Wiley – to sign pre-payment agreements which will allow to relieve the management of the APC payments of most of its current administrative burdens. The first of these agreements will start running at the beginning of June and will result in a quicker growth in the number of funded outputs.

An intensive dissemination activity keeps going on for the initiative, with additional national webinars having been held for Italy, the Region East and Greece after the first one in the UK. Another very well-attended webinar was held on the alternative funding mechanism a few days after the initiative was released. The article “The OpenAIRE2020 FP7 Post-Grant Open Access Pilot: Implementing a European-wide funding initiative for Open Access publishing costs”, <http://dx.doi.org/10.3233/isu-150786>, was published in Information Services & Use in mid-April, and communications on the FP7 Post-Grant OA Pilot have been

accepted at the LIBER Annual Conference in Helsinki and at the 15th European Association for Health Information and Libraries (EAHIL) Conference in Seville, both in June.

#### **LIBER Libraries involved in the project:**

1. [Couperin](#), Paris, France
2. [Georg August Universität, Göttingen](#), Göttingen, Germany
3. [Konstanz University Library](#), Konstanz, Germany
4. [Bielefeld University Library](#), Bielefeld, Germany
5. [University and National Library Debrecen](#), Debrecen, Hungary
6. [Latvia University Library](#), Riga, Latvia
7. [Library University of Luxembourg](#), Luxembourg
8. [Malta University Library](#), Msida, Malta
9. [TU Delft Library](#), Delft, Netherlands
10. [University of Amsterdam Library](#), Amsterdam, Netherlands
11. [Oslo University Library](#), Oslo, Norway
12. [University of Warsaw Library](#), Warsaw, Poland
13. [University of Minho – Documentation Services](#), Minho, Portugal
14. [Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information](#), Bratislava, Slovakia
15. [National Library of Sweden](#), Stockholm, Sweden
16. [Izmir Institute of Technology](#), Izmir, Turkey

#### **FOSTER**

LIBER has been involved in several dissemination and training activities within [FOSTER](#), the Open Science training project, organising two workshops during 2015. First, an intensive pre-conference workshop across two days of the LIBER 2015 annual conference. It was a well-attended and productive workshop, with over 120 delegates registering initially: the numbers had to be capped at around 85 for each day. This was a train-the-trainer workshop targeting those who already work in libraries and may be responsible for the professional development of other library staff. And second, a workshop for EARMA (European Association of Research Managers and Administrators) in Leiden in June together with the DCC. The primary objectives were to introduce and make the case for Open Science/Access as a key part of the daily workflow for research managers and administrators, and to describe practical steps that can be taken to help with the preparation of proposals to Horizon 2020, as well as the management of Open Data research projects. The workshop was very well received.

The FOSTER project was granted a 6-month extension, and it will run until July 2016. LIBER continues to work on the project promotion and dissemination, especially in regards to the online courses that are being deployed at the FOSTER portal. At the time being, LIBER is developing a new online course “Open Science at the core of Libraries”, expected to be released in early June. Moreover, LIBER will held a workshop at the LIBER Conference 2016 targeted at librarians and other stakeholders on Open Science, with over 50 delegates registered for that event. FOSTER has been involved in other related events, as the [Open Science Cafés](#) coordinated by LIBER at the Dutch EU Presidency - Open Science Conference, in April 2016.

Ongoing activities are dissemination of the project, reaching to graduate schools and liaising activities. For the graduate schools work, LIBER is carrying out a preliminary analysis on the current doctoral training programs at several European countries in order to identify the existence, but also the lack of training on Open Science topics. This will serve as a basis for

an opinion piece about Open Science training needs and opportunities, and as preliminary work for the submission of a RDA Working Group to build capacity in Grad Schools to train on Open Data and RDM.

#### **LIBER Libraries involved in the project:**

1. [University of Minho – Documentation Services](#), Minho, Portugal
2. [The Open University Library](#), Milton Keynes, United Kingdom
3. [Couperin](#), Paris, France
4. [University of Warsaw Library](#), Warsaw, Poland
5. [Glasgow University Library](#), Glasgow, United Kingdom
6. [Main Library, University of Edinburgh](#), Edinburgh, United Kingdom
7. [Georg August Universität, Göttingen](#), Göttingen, Germany

#### **AARC**

The Authentication and Authorisation for Research and Collaboration project, [AARC](#), has started from 1 May 2015. A kick-off meeting for partners and interested members of the wider community was held in Amsterdam on 3-4 June 2015, and was attended by Melanie Imming. Since the beginning, LIBER has been advocating the production of easy to understand high level info about federated access, including benefits for management, since most libraries now use IP authentication and not all see the benefits of changing to federated access for their authentication. Furthermore, LIBER has been pressing the need to use interviews instead of surveys to gather Library input for the Gap analysis and requirements. During November-January, LIBER has been working on these interviews, and has drafted an internal report that was discussed among partners and that helped planning next actions based on its main results. As a result, a factsheet about federated access targeted to libraries has been produced and will be soon released. Moreover, a workshop on federated access for library resources will be held at the LIBER Conference 2016.

LIBER is also in charge of coordinating the task on liaising activities with other projects and communities, that has helped to identify potential engagement with other partners, and that is still in progress. LIBER has also been involved in preparing a H2020 proposal for a two year follow-up project. The next general project meeting will take place in Utrecht, 24-26 May, where Gema Bueno will present on the work done at LIBER.

#### **LIBER Libraries involved in the project:**

- [The Moravian Library](#), Brno, Czech Republic
- [KIT Library](#), Karlsruhe, Germany

#### **LEARN**

[LEARN](#) started in June 2015, and during its first nine months lots of activity took place. The project aims to development the [LERU Roadmap for Research Data](#). With only five partners it is a relatively small project, but LEARN has already made its impact at conferences such as RDA 2015 in Paris and IFLA 2015 in Cape Town. At both these conferences, the project partners presented LEARN to an interested crowd.

Stakeholders have been defined, shared workspaces are in place and described. Moreover, a summary of the LERU Roadmap has been written and translated, so it is now available in six languages (English, Spanish, German, Italian, French and Portuguese). A model template for Research Data Management policies development has been produced by UNIVIE, and a survey on the institutional level of readiness for research data management has been published, widely distributed, and is gathering answers from all over the world. Moreover, a RDM Toolkit is being developed under the coordination of UCL.

The first LEARN workshop took place in London on 29 January with a great success of participation and significant outcomes from the discussions held at its four breakout sessions. The second one was held in [Vienna](#), 6 April, with a comparable success. The third one is being organized by LIBER and will take place on 28 June as a LIBER 2016 pre-conference workshop. The programme and speakers are set up, registration is in progress and many other necessary arrangements are being undertaken by LIBER staff. LEARN has been involved in other related events, as the [Open Science Cafés](#) coordinated by LIBER at the Dutch EU Presidency - Open Science Conference, in April 2016.

The project website has undergone a significant transformation in February in order to have better consistency and achieve higher impact, most of this work being done by LIBER staff. LIBER coordinates the work package on Dissemination and Communication, being responsible for the web maintenance, promotional materials, social communications (Twitter account and LinkedIn group), promoting the work done by LEARN project partners. The project is also working in liaising with other projects and communities, currently being in conversations with RDA Europe, and will attend a forthcoming EC H2020 Communication Cooperation Meeting meeting organized by THOR, AARC and OpenAire with other EU projects.

#### **LIBER Libraries involved in the project:**

1. [Vienna University Library and Archives](#), Vienna, Austria
2. [CRAI Libraries University of Barcelona](#), Barcelona, Spain
3. [University College London](#), London, United Kingdom

#### **EUDAT**

In the past year, two major [EUDAT](#) data pilots were launched which attracted new organisations that will start using the EUDAT services in the course of 2016. LIBER has been very active in disseminating the data pilots and the project outcomes: we have written articles for the newsletter, have worked on the Stakeholder Analysis & Communication and Training Strategy document, and we have contributed to the EUDAT Glossary. LIBER has worked on the Community Requirements and Engagement work package, attending face to face meetings and delivering community analysis. LIBER attended the EUDAT User Forum in Rome, and LIBER co-organised the [European Open Science Cloud Workshop for Research](#) the day after the User Forum.

Next to that LIBER is responsible for an important deliverable on policy guidelines for data access. The work so far and the cooperation with the other partners working on this deliverable is going very well and a first face-to-face meeting is set in May. In the meantime, the task is doing desk research on data policies around sensitive data in different countries. Other upcoming meetings for EUDAT are the User Meeting (focused on interaction with the pilots) in Barcelona on 22-23 June, and the User Forum on 26-27 September.

#### **LIBER Libraries involved in the project:**

1. [University of Helsinki / The National Library of Finland](#), Helsinki, Finland
2. [Uppsala University Library](#), Uppsala, Sweden
3. [Lund University Libraries](#), Lund, Sweden
4. [Main Library, University of Edinburgh](#), Edinburgh, United Kingdom

#### **OpenMinTeD**

The text and data mining project "OpenMinTeD" kicked off in June 2015 in Rhodes. A first successful [stakeholder workshop](#) was organized and hosted by LIBER on 11 November 2015, in cooperation with Europeana Research. The workshop was targeted at both (open

access) publishers and cultural heritage institutions, as well as (research) libraries. The workshop received a lot of positive feedback. LIBER also presented a successful workshop “[the Future’s all Mine](#)” in December 2015. The next four stakeholders workshops will take place in May and June 2016, in Portoroz, Dublin, Newark and Helsinki. The workshop in Helsinki is co-organised with the FutureTDM project and takes place at the LIBER conference.

The dissemination team has created an appealing project website and is active on Twitter, where it has reached over 300 followers. The team is also working with the full consortium to write blogs about text and data mining topics. The OpenMinTeD project is now in the process of collecting requirements from text and data mining researchers and developers through surveys, to identify goals, skills, attitudes and environments. The goal of the project is to build an infrastructure for text and data mining communities, where data, text, services and knowledge come together.

#### **LIBER Libraries involved in the project:**

1. [University of Amsterdam Library](#), Amsterdam, Netherlands
2. [EPFL Library](#), Lausanne, Switzerland
3. [John Rylands University Library](#), Manchester, UK
4. [Sheffield University Library](#), Sheffield, UK
5. [The Open University Library](#), Milton Keynes, UK

#### **Europeana Cloud**

LIBER played a key role in Europeana Cloud communications activities, throughout the project up until the end of its initial 3-year term in January 2016. Our regular activities included attending WP6 (communications) meetings, preparing blog posts and reviewing deliverables. We also co-organised a Europeana Cloud/Research & OpenMinTed [workshop](#), which was held in November.

In the last months of the project, LIBER worked with colleagues in WP6 and the broader Europeana community to commission and publish a series of guest blog posts for Europeana Research, a spin-off of the Europeana Cloud project. We also participated in the editing and reviewing of several deliverables for WP3.

This, in combination with our earlier work to update the Europeana Cloud website and present the project externally, means that LIBER’s effort in the project was used by the project’s original end date. There was a 3-month extension but only a few partners were involved in this. LIBER did not participate in this extension.

#### **LIBER Libraries involved in the project:**

1. [KU Leuven University Library](#), Leuven, Belgium
2. [Brussels Open University Libraries](#), Brussels, Belgium
3. [Library of the Croatian Academy of Arts and Sciences](#), Zagreb, Croatia
4. [National Library of Technology](#), Prague, Czech Republic
5. [The Royal Library – National Library and Copenhagen University](#), Copenhagen, Denmark
6. [Bavarian State Library](#), Munich, Germany
7. [Bielefeld University Library](#), Bielefeld, Germany
8. [University of Patras – Library & Information Centre](#), Patras, Greece
9. [University and National Library Debrecen](#), Debrecen, Hungary

10. [Tilburg University Library](#), Tilburg, Netherlands
11. [Gothenburg University Library](#), Gothenburg, Sweden
12. [Main Library, University of Edinburgh](#), Edinburgh, United Kingdom
13. [The Open University Library](#), Milton Keynes, United Kingdom
14. [National Library of Wales](#), Aberystwyth, United Kingdom
15. [University College London](#), London, United Kingdom

### **Europeana Newspapers**

LIBER's role in the [Europeana Newspapers](#) project formally ended on 31 January 2015. The project 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 review was held in Luxembourg in May 2015, where LIBER presented on the engagement work done. The final project review was very positive and the project received an 'Excellent' rating. The final [project report](#) was published in August.

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