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**Overall project work**

This year has seen the successful continuation of major projects where LIBER is involved as a partner (EUDAT, FutureTDM, OpenMinTeD,) the completion of two of them (AARC and LEARN), the initiation of three new ones (EOSCpilot, AARC2, and FOSTER+), and a participation to the RDA Europe initiative.

In this year we saw some staff changes. Gema Bueno de La Fuente, Hege van Dijke, and Pablo de Castro left the LIBER office in the Fall/Winter 2017 and we welcomed Martine Oudenhoven and Gwen Franck.

In February 2017 we also welcomed Simone Sacchi and Vasso Kalaitzi, and in April 2017 we said goodbye to Helen Frew and Melanie Imming, our EU Projects Manager. Simone was asked to take over the EU Project Management ad interim from April 1st until September 1st. The departure of three members of the LIBER Office, two of which in senior positions (Susan Reilly, Executive Director, and Melanie Imming, EU Projects Manager), required extensive effort in knowledge transfer and a reorganization of the LIBER effort within projects in order to rebalance the workload across Project Officers. To deal with this challenging changes, and reduced amount of capacity, everybody in the LIBER Office is taking the necessary extra steps to support an appropriate continuation of project work and to ensure that LIBER's commitments to project deliverables was timely and professionally met. A new one-year EU Open Science Projects Officer position has been posted in April 2017 and we expect to hold interviews in the upcoming weeks.

In March 2017 the EC undertook a financial audit of period 1 of both the Openaire2020 and the FutureTDM project. The draft audit report only contained three suggestions for improvement, one of which was already implemented in 2016 and two others that are easy to implement as well. Overall, LIBER's participation in EU projects is growing steadily and the partnership with LIBER is widely perceived as an added value for project success.

**AARC**

During this year LIBER has been working on several tasks under the Work Package NA2 on Training and dissemination. A factsheet about federated access targeted to libraries was released in May 2016. A second version is being prepared currently integrating some suggestions and requests received from the workshop's attendees and other stakeholders. Moreover, a proposal for a generalization of the factsheet to any stakeholder has been sent to the WP leader and its feasibility will be discussed in upcoming calls.

The last general project meeting took place in Utrecht, 24-26 May, where Gema Bueno presented the work done by LIBER. We also provided content for the 1st year evaluation of the project, that was successfully achieved. Next general project meeting will take place in CERN, Geneva, 28 November-1 December 2016.

A workshop on federated access for library resources was held at the LIBER Conference 2016. The level of participation was low but the level of satisfaction was high. A blog post has been produced as a report of the event.

LIBER is also in charge of coordinating the subtask on liaising activities with other projects and communities, that has helped to identify potential engagement with other partners, and that is still in progress. In June 2 a meeting was organised by THOR project which gathered communications coordinators and other representatives from many EC H2020 e-infrastructures projects. LIBER attended the meeting representing LEARN, AARC, OpenMinTeD and OpenAire. Opportunities for collaboration were identified and some resources and tools were set to enable future liaising between projects and communities. In November 2016, Gema Buena de la Fuente was succeeded by Martine Oudenhoven as main LIBER officer for the AARC project on federated authentication and authorisation. The project has now come to an end, and all that remains is reporting and the final review. During the last phase of the project, LIBER has been working on several tasks under the Work Package NA2 on Training and dissemination. The work package leader has been replaced and the new WP leader is focused on using this final stage of the project to wrap things up and lay a good foundation for the dissemination of AARC2. A meeting with the new WP lead, a plenary meeting in CERN (Geneva) and a final meeting in Athens have taken place where this approach has been discussed.

As part of NA2, LIBER has taken the lead in compiling a 'library toolkit', which is a page on the website that contains AARC-resources that can be relevant for libraries. Before, all resources were hidden and spread over various channels (wiki, hidden wiki, google docs and website). Now they are combined and easy to communicate: <https://aarc-project.eu/libraries>. LIBER has produced a second version of a factsheet about federated access for libraries and a flyer about pilots, and edited a document about a roleplay game on federated access and a set of frequently asked questions. LIBER also helped in setting up social media accounts and wrote a blog article about the project for the LIBER website [Final meeting of AARC project on federated access](#).

LIBER was also in charge of coordinating the subtask on liaising activities with other projects and communities, that has helped to identify potential engagement with other partners. This was mainly focused on identifying events that are interesting for AARC to join.

The main challenge of the project was that all partners (including the project and WP lead) had a very strong focus on the technical side of federated access. They did not consider engagement and dissemination to be a priority and did not seem to have a lot of experience with how to manage or execute these activities. This resulted in LIBER pushing very hard to get results.

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#### **AARC 2**

AARC2 has started in April 2017 and the kick off meeting will take place June 6th-8th in Bad Herrenalb. The main goals of the project are largely the same as those of AARC, although there is an intention to focus more on engaging with target communities and to shift the technical focus from authenticating the identity of users to authorizing permitted users to access resources across different infrastructures and collaborations.

LIBER only has very little effort in this project (3PM over 2 years) and also little budget to spend. LIBER will be supporting the dissemination and engagement activities. It has been discussed with the WPP-lead, that LIBER will mainly focus on social media and engagement with the library community.

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#### **EUDAT**

During this year the LIBER contribution to the EUDAT project saw fluctuations due to lack of a main project officer in Fall 2016 and changes in leadership in one of the Work Packages LIBER is involved. In Summer 2016 LIBER led on the timely completion of the EUDAT Deliverable 2.5 - Guidelines on Open Access and Restricted Data. We managed the development of content from the consortium partners, and contributed directly to the EU legislation sections and the implications for data centres following adoption of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). These guidelines will now be reviewed by a legal expert and then built upon further to include ethical considerations in dealing with restricted data (beyond personal data).

An internal report has been produced by LIBER Officer Gema Bueno as part of the Task 4.1 Scientific Communities Environments and Requirements. The Report on Pan-European activities and trends in research data management in libraries provides a landscape study of academic libraries in Europe in regards to research data management trends. The study addresses the question on how RDM is understood by libraries, and the different levels of awareness that currently exist within the community. The report synthesises also the main outcomes from a recent study on research data services in Europe, based on a survey conducted in the spring of 2016 by an international research team funded by LIBER and DataONE. We are currently discussing how to disseminate this report with the EUDAT team.

In the dissemination works package LIBER created a poster for the LIBER conference and presented EUDAT in a lightning talk. LIBER also worked on a booklet of flyers about EUDAT, with specific information for different stakeholders. LIBER presented these flyers at the EUDAT booth at the Digital Infrastructures for Europe conference in Krakow in September. At this conference, we also held video interviews with organisations who have replied to EUDAT's datapilots and are running EUDAT services successfully. The video has been published on the EUDAT website.

During the Fall/Winter 2016-2017, following the departure of Gema, LIBER wasn't able to spend a lot of effort on EUDAT. We did work on the follow up of the guideline deliverable that was submitted before the summer, which is due this summer. The internal report that LIBER produced as part of the Task 4.1 Scientific Communities Environments and Requirements was very well received; we are looking into publishing this as a standalone resource for libraries on Research Data Management, maybe in cooperation with the LEARN project. The EUDAT video produced by LIBER in October was very well received.

From February Simone Sacchi and Vasso Kalaitzi will both participate in EUDAT: Simone focused on the Policies work package and Vasso on the Dissemination work package. Since then, work has slowly resumed. Changes in the lead of WP3 have affected LIBER's ability to effectively utilize the effort left in the WP, despite the proactive effort of Vasso in establishing communication channels across project partners. LIBER has also continued using all the available dissemination channels it has in order to promote the project's material on a regular (weekly, when possible) basis. For WP2, Policies, LIBER is actively involved in developing an extended version of Guidelines on Open Access and Restricted Data, with the inclusion of a pilot application of the DataTag system as framework to formalize and monitor levels of

sensitivity and security for data hosted within the EUDAT infrastructure. A new Deliverable 2.8, which will include the updated version of the guideline is due in August 2017. An EUDAT poster has been submitted, accepted and will be presented during the LIBER Conference in Patras.

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#### **EOSCpilot**

The [European Open Science Cloud for Research pilot project](#) (EOSCpilot) project started in January 2017 and is supporting the first phase in the development of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC) as described in the [EC Communication on European Cloud Initiatives](#) [2016]. The EOSCpilot project will:

- establish the governance framework for the EOSC and contribute to the development of European open science policy and best practice;
- will develop a number of pilots that integrate services and infrastructures to demonstrate interoperability in a number of scientific domains; and
- will engage with a broad range of stakeholders, crossing borders and communities, to build the trust and skills required for adoption of an open approach to scientific research.

The kick off meeting of the European Open Science Cloud Pilot was held on January 17 and 18 in Amsterdam. LIBER is the co-lead of the Engagement and communications WP and has a large task in the Skills WP, as well as minor effort in the Management and Policy WPs. Simone Sacchi and Vasso Kalaitzi are working on this project, with Vasso taking on more responsibilities in the coordination of WP activities after Simone took on the interim position of EU Projects Manager.

For the Skills WP, LIBER coordinated a joint WP7 and T8.1 internal mini survey, helped organising the skill requirement workshop to be held in Amsterdam on April 17th (logistics) and provided input for the drafting the landscape analysis, science demonstrators, and data stewardship skill evaluation.

For the Engagement and Communication WP, as the co-lead, LIBER does the planning of activities, division of tasks, setting of deadlines and coordinates the weekly skype calls and meeting minutes drafting. Furthermore, LIBER drafted and coordinated an internal mini survey to identify the major groups of stakeholders from the scientific research, private and public sectors consortium partners are already in contact with, in order to bring them together and help set up a communication strategy to establish effective channels of engagement per stakeholder group, based on already existing strategies in this community. LIBER was responsible for the analysis of raw data and grouping of results, as well as the drafting, coordination and final editing of the MS26 "Initial Stakeholder Identification & Engagement Strategy" document due end on March. Further activities concern the engagement using the LIBER network, LIBER channels and social media, drafting, planning and coordination of workshops and events and the coordination of a face-to-face WP8 meeting in Amsterdam in May 2017 with attendance of the project coordination office.

LIBER is also leading the organization of a workshop targeting funders and other institutions in an intermediary role with respect to the EOSC end users (i.e. academic organizations, research centers, and research libraries) aimed at engaging the communities around the EOSC emerging policy framework to be held at the September 2017 Open Science Fair

event in Athens, Greece, and is involved in the scientific committee of a satellite workshop targeting researchers and research communities around the EOSC envisioned services co-located with the October 2017 FORCE2017 conference in Berlin, Germany. An EOSC pilot poster has been accepted and will be presented at the 2017 LIBER Conference in Patras.

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#### **FOSTER**

The [FOSTER](#) project ended in July 2016. In June 2016 LIBER released the course "[Open Science at the core of Libraries](#)", authored by Gema Bueno and available at the FOSTER Portal. It is introductory course addressed to librarians aiming to gain understanding of the implications of Open Science, the potential opportunities and possible challenges, and check on existing best practices to deal with them. Also in June 2016, LIBER held a [workshop](#) at the LIBER Conference 2016 targeted at librarians and other stakeholders on Open Science, with over 40 attendees and 7 FOSTER project partners from 16 European countries, and a high satisfaction rating..

For the graduate schools work package, LIBER carried 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 work served as a basis for the Graduate schools WP final report, 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.

Despite the project officially ended in July 2016, the FOSTER portal continues to be populated with new training materials from partner institutions and other projects.

#### **FOSTER Plus**

The FOSTER Plus project, continuation and enhancement of the FOSTER project, started on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, with Martine Oudenhoven as the main Project Officer. Building upon the solid foundation provided by the previous FOSTER project, will support individual researchers and research performing organisations to move beyond simply being aware of Open Science (OS) approaches to be able to apply in their daily workflows. Actions in the project include:

- conduct a wide-ranging training programme, facilitating self-directed online learning using the Open Science Toolkit, blended and moderated e-learning courses through the FOSTER Portal, and a variety of face-to-face events;
- provide discipline/community specific training, addressing actual knowledge and skills gaps, and building capacity for the practical adoption of OS culture;
- work in collaboration with associated partners, Research Infrastructures and related projects (e.g. EUDAT, OpenAIRE, FIT4RRI, OpenUP, LEARN, OpenMinted);
- support a trainers network by delivering train-the-trainer sessions and incentivising OS ambassadors through gamification tools on the FOSTER portal;
- assign digital badges and certificates to reward learners and further foster the culture change.

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## **FutureTDM**

The FutureTDM project will reach its completion in August 2017. During this year the project has been extremely successful, and LIBER's contribution has been high both in terms of effort and outcomes. As project lead on stakeholder engagement activities, LIBER has been overseeing and participating in the continuation of the project knowledge cafes around the EU. These included Portoroz at the LREC Conference in May 2016 and then three more in June 2016 – Berlin, Warsaw and of course Helsinki. Our LIBER event was held jointly with OpenMinTeD and survey results show there was a 100% satisfaction rating!

To help highlight the project and how stakeholder engagement is so important to improving TDM uptake, we produced a project animation video which was publicised on the FutureTDM website and through our mail outs and social media. We wrote 4 blogs for the website including a reportage from our visit to the European Space Agency and an interview with a leading digital MEP (Julia Reda) ahead of the FutureTDM workshop in Brussels.

Speaking of which, LIBER organised an incredibly successful first workshop for the project which we held having secured the sponsorship from the digital agenda intergroup (76 cross party MEPS involved in digital affairs). We invited the Brussels policy community (and beyond) to this event. Around 60 attendees included EU policy shapers - advocacy organisations and representatives from the Parliament Commission and Council - alongside the broader TDM community that we have been engaging with for the past year. Speakers from the project consortium included our former Executive Director Susan Reilly. Media and information from the workshop can be found in our blog at [futuretdm.eu](http://futuretdm.eu) LIBER has also been presenting the project at relevant stakeholder events including TDM in cultural heritage at the EC member state expert group on digitisation and digital preservation meeting in Luxembourg and the annual IFLA conference.

We had a very successful mid-term review at the Commission in Brussels on 4 July 2016. LIBER presented WP2 and the feedback from the reviewers was very positive – particularly in relation to the stakeholder engagement and communication planning deliverables we submitted.

FutureTDM entered its phase two in Fall 2016, moving from gathering evidence to making policy recommendations. LIBER have been providing the library perspective to partners involved in making these proposals as well as feeding what we have learned from our knowledge cafes and workshop into the related deliverables (2.3, 5.1). We continued our run of high profile video interviews by attending the Brussels EU Hackathon held at Google HQ where along with academic and technical interviewees, Melanie Imming talked with MEP Therese Comodini-Cachia, who is leading the European copyright reform negotiations. We were very pleased that MEP Comodini Cachia provided us with a clip on the importance of libraries to the copyright debate. We were pleased to welcome a visit from Taiwan research institute NarLABS who had contacted us having heard about the project's stakeholder engagement activities. We presented our work at FutureTDM to them and talked through potential collaborative opportunities.

April 2017 saw the departure of Helen Frew from LIBER and the FutureTDM project, and Martine Oudenhoven and Simone Sacchi stepped in to continue the project work. Helen's last successful efforts: the co-organization of the second FutureTDM workshop was held at

the European Parliament in Brussels on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2017 and co-hosted by leading copyright MEP Catherine Stihler and moderated by former LIBER President Paul Ayris; the third workshop hosted at the RDA Plenary in Barcelona on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017; and the participation in the development of the Digital Tree of Knowledge – an example of concept to help stakeholders visualise and contribute to the guidelines for TDM uptake.

LIBER is now focused on supporting work on the final deliverables for the project, including the organization of the FutureTDM Symposium to be held in Salzburg on June 12-13, 2017 (mostly on the logistics to involve the Expert Advisory Board) and contributing to the deliverable 5.4, Roadmap for Increasing Uptake of TDM. A joint OpenMinTeD/FutureTDM workshop will be hosted at the 2017 LIBER conference in Patras.

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#### **LEARN**

[LEARN](#) is a project focused on Research Data Management (RDM), running from June 2015 to May 2017. LIBER coordinates the work package on Dissemination and Communication, and therefore takes primary responsibility for the website, promotional materials and communications outreach via various channels, including social media.

The period covered by this EU Projects report was particularly busy for LEARN as it coincided with the completion of several deliverables. Key among these is the 200-page *Toolkit of Best Practice for Research Data Management*, which includes a model RDM Policy and Executive Briefings to help make the case for RDM in institutions. Other work has focused on Key Performance Indicators for RDM and the promotion and analysis of our RDM Readiness Survey. LIBER has contributed both to the promotion of these materials and their creation (eg. We secured a case study from 4TU.Data Centrum for the Toolkit).

Several events have taken place in this period, including three workshops. The first was organised by LIBER at our 2016 Annual Conference in Helsinki. It attracted 65 delegates and received a high approval rating (100% of 24 respondents to the LIBER 2016 Conference survey). The second workshop was in Santiago de Chile in October 2016 (hosted by project partner ECLAC and supported by LIBER), and the third in Barcelona in January 2017. LIBER attended the Barcelona workshop and played an active role in its promotion, by taking photos and videos, and contributing to the Twitter feed coming out of the Workshop.

The workshops were followed by LEARN's Final Conference on 5 May in London. More than 110 delegates attended the conference and LIBER helped with many of the logistical details. Communications Officer Friedel Grant and Community Engagement Officer Martine Oudenhoven were there to manage social media, take photos and interview participants. The conference was a definite success and, from a communications perspective, it was a highlight to see the conference hashtag #learnldn trending on Twitter in the London area.

Another milestone was LEARN's first review with the European Commission in January. The reviewers were positive about the project's progress, and noted that the various materials produced by the project were likely to have a "significant positive impact on stakeholders world-wide".

In order to alert as many people as possible to LEARN's resources, LIBER produced a number of promotional images, texts and other tools. For example, we organised a webinar focusing on the RDM Toolkit, text for a mailing to various networks and an infographic highlighting key facts about the Toolkit. The cumulative effect of our efforts to promote the

Toolkit meant that the file was accessed more than 11,000 times within the first month of its publication.

LIBER, along with all LEARN partners, has made a concerted effort to liaise with other projects and communities. In June 2016, for example, LIBER attended a meeting of communications coordinators and other representatives from many EC H2020 e-infrastructures projects. Opportunities for collaboration were identified and some resources and tools were set to enable future liaising between projects and communities.

LIBER also led the creation of posters to present at the RDA Plenary in Barcelona, at LEARN's Final Conference and at LIBER 2017; we created a summary of the most important recommendations to come out of the LEARN Workshops and restructured the website to feature the project's most valuable materials on one page.

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#### **OpenAIRE2020**

The OpenAIRE FP7 Post-Grant Open Access Pilot was supposed to end on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2017, but received a 10-months extension from the European Commission. In the past year, pre-payment agreements with four publishers – BioMed Central, BMJ, Copernicus and Wiley – were implemented and quickly became a popular procedure among researchers for getting their journal articles funded.

The parallel call for funding APC-free Open Access journals issued early May 2016 resulted in 11 funded bids from 10 European countries. Funding.

In Fall 2016 LIBER presented the pilot at National OpenAIRE Workshops that were held in various countries (UK, Serbia, Denmark). The Pilot has also shared an up-to-date dataset for the APC payments it has made thus far with the OpenAPC initiative run at Universität Bielefeld in order to improve transparency on the height of APC's.

In December we organized a workshop for the 11 funded bids in the parallel call for funding APC-free Open Access journals in The Hague. The event featured a series of presentations where funded bids reported on the areas they're working on and on the progress achieved thus far in the implementation of the technical improvement plans that were submitted for funding last summer, which was useful for the other funded bids.

The Pilot went into its last months from January 2017, when Gwen Frank took over project work from Pablo De Castro, and was originally scheduled to end on April 30<sup>th</sup>. At the end of April, the European Commission granted OpenAIRE an extension of the Pilot with another 10 months, and is now scheduled to end on February 28<sup>th</sup> 2017. This will allow OpenAIRE to intensify dissemination of the pilot, making use of LIBER's own network and the OpenAIRE NOAD network.

In March 2017 the commissioned report 'Towards a competitive and sustainable OA market in Europe', by Research Consulting, was presented (see: <https://blogs.openaire.eu/?p=1841>). The report was met with wide acclaim - and even those who did not necessarily agree with the conclusions, recognised that the report offered a much needed qualitative and quantitative addition to the debate.

LIBER organised a workshop on April 20<sup>th</sup> in The Hague "On the road towards a sustainable open access publishing market" (see: <https://blogs.openaire.eu/?p=1884>). This workshop intended to give a state of affairs of the pilot (near what at time was still perceived to be the



end), to engage with different stakeholders (institutions, librarians, publishers, NOADs), to present the Report and also to, via break-out sessions, gather input for a Roadmap which will accompany the Report. Over 60 people participated in this workshop - with all stakeholders being represented it was perceived as a very balanced and nuanced event.

May 2017 sees the transition into the extension of the pilot, which means that on a practical level all dissemination materials had to be adapted, some webinars will be organised and targeted communications will have to carry the changed message. Interim reporting and statistics will be provided by the end of May, as will a first draft version of the Roadmap.

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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
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#### **OpenMinTeD**

In November, Martine Oudenhoven took over the work of Hege van Dijke for OpenMinTeD. The project had its first formal review in Brussels on the 24th of January. LIBER was strongly involved in this review as lead of the workpackage on community engagement and sustainability and active partner in the training workpackage. Overall the reviewers were very positive about the project, what it had accomplished and the creative spirit of the project. They felt that partners are not just doing their job, but are feeling like they are fulfilling a need and providing real solutions within the possibilities. Next to praise for the technical work, they were impressed by the dissemination activities and called them “phenomenal”. They also appreciated the discussion that’s going on in the project about the position of the project in relation to other projects and infrastructures. In February, the project had a plenary meeting in Lausanne. The main topic was how to integrate all different parts of the project more.

LIBER has been working on many different things. In the WP 2 (community engagement and dissemination), LIBER was leading in updating the dissemination plan and encouraging and supporting partners to participate in various communication activities (for example blogging, social media, keeping track of their events). In total 22 new blogposts were published, including 2 interview related to digital humanities. LIBER also has been working on improving the web presence and started a story campaign with movies of text and data miners that help to give an understanding of the importance of text and data mining. 9 TDM stories have been released so far (all made by LIBER) and 3 more are on their way.

An important project development was the release of a Knowledge Base with educational material about text and data mining. LIBER was active in adding most of the resources to this base. In the future, more guides and trainings will be available here.

Although a beta version of the OpenMinTeD platform was released for the review, it has been hidden again afterwards. There is a delay in the development of the platform, and the first real version is expected to go live by the end of July 2017. LIBER is actively preparing the communications to support this. LIBER also coordinates setting up the front end consultancy service of the platform. The main challenge of the project is the delay of the platform, which also delays the development of training activities and dissemination.

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