



EU PROJECTS REPORT MAY 2016 -SEPTEMBER 2016

Overall project work

In this period the project proposal 'AARC2' in which LIBER is a consortium partner -if only for a small amount of effort- was granted. This project will be the continuation of our current AARC project and therefore start May 1st 2017.

A proposal LIBER was more heavily involved in, the European Opens Science Cloud Pilot, has also won the bid. LIBER will be co-lead of the Engagement and communications Work Package, and has a large task in the Training Work package. In total this means we have 30 Person months of effort in this two year project, which will start January 1st.

We are awaiting news about the FOSTER+ project proposal that LIBER is also involved in for a total of 12 person months over the course of two years: if granted, this will be the continuation of the FOSTER Open Science Training project that has ended recently.

In this process, LIBER has tried to get LIBER members into the project consortia, with various results. Furthermore, LIBER office team members have presented LIBER's overall EU Project work at the LIBER conference and at other events, trying to get more LIBER members involved in H2020 projects. We are also pursuing opportunities to get into a consortium for the Cult-Coop-09 call: European cultural heritage, access and analysis for a richer interpretation of the past, together with LIBER members.

Work carried out per project during this period:

AARC

During May-September 2016, 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.

The WP leader is in the process of replacement and so will be during the month of October; a LIBER/GEANT work meeting in Amsterdam is being scheduled with the new leader in order to define the plan of action for the liaising subtask.

LIBER Members involved in the project:

1. [The Moravian Library](#), Brno, Czech Republic
2. [KIT Library](#), Karlsruhe, Germany

EUDAT

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 will soon be published on the EUDAT website.

LIBER Members 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

FOSTER

The [FOSTER](#) project was granted a 6-month extension, and it run until July 2016. During this last reporting period LIBER continued to work on the project promotion and dissemination, especially in regards to the online courses that are being deployed at the FOSTER portal.

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.

Finally, LIBER was represented by Melanie Imming at the final project meeting that was held in Helsinki the 28th June 2016. A final project task was agreed, consisting on a follow up of the Liaison with other communities deliverable, and is currently on-going work although the project is officially ended.

LIBER Members 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

FUTURE TDM

FutureTDM has had an incredibly busy few months. 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 and then three more in June – Berlin, Warsaw and of course Helsinki. Our LIBER event was held jointly with OpenMinTeD and survey results show there was a 100% satisfaction rating!

As engagement is so closely tied to dissemination, LIBER have been greatly improving the communication aspects of FutureTDM. 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 own Susan Reilly. We also heard presentations from the TDM community (University and Startup) and from OpenMinTeD. Feedback was prioritised via a session from the floor an online poll and feedback cards in the delegate packs. Three MEPs chaired the sessions. As well as the running of the workshop itself, LIBER ensured that the dissemination materials were impactful – writing up all three of the awareness stories from the TDM community. Media and information from the workshop can be found in our blog at 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 are continuing to feed the view from libraries into the other work packages within FutureTDM having reviewed and contributed to several deliverables and posters. At present we are contributing to the policy recommendations work package (5).

Finally we had a very successful mid-term review at the Commission in Brussels on 4 July. 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.

LIBER Members involved in the project:

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

LEARN

[LEARN](#) started in June 2015, and is currently in the equator of its second year. In the period May – September 2016, many activities have been undertaken.

The first LEARN Workshop organised by LIBER took place the 28th of June as a LIBER 2016 pre-conference workshop. A total of 65 registered delegates attended the day, coming mainly from the host country Finland, but also from 13 other European countries, Israel and the United States. Attendees comprised librarians, IT staff, researchers, research funders, research organisations and publishers. The workshop received a high approval rating (100% of 24 respondents to the LIBER 2016 Conference survey) and a score of 4,6 over 5 from 27 respondents to the specific workshop [survey](#). A [blog](#) post on the event was published providing links to the various outputs and a [Deliverable](#) is available with detailed reporting on the event.

The fourth LEARN Workshop will take place the 27th October in Santiago de Chile, and LIBER is supporting its organization with active dissemination, publication of website content as the Workshop description and programme, and preparing the registration form, among other tasks.

LIBER coordinates the work package on Dissemination and Communication, being responsible for the web content management and maintenance, promotional materials, social communications (Twitter account and LinkedIn group), promoting the work done by LEARN project partners. At the time being, a translation of the main website contents into Spanish is being finalised. The project has a wide Spanish speaking audience as 2 of its 5 partners (and therefore 2 of the 5 LEARN Workshops), are based in Spain and Chile, and address a wider community in Latin America. The translation was considered a fundamental step in order to have a wider impact among these communities.

The project is also working in liaising with other projects and communities, as RDA Europe. 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.

LIBER also contributes to the other Work Packages. An RDM Toolkit is being developed under the coordination of UCL for which LIBER has secured a case study from 4TU.Data Centrum. A model template for Research Data Management policies has been produced by UNIVIE and an online version of its Evaluation Grid is being currently developed. Also, a survey on the institutional level of readiness for research data management has been published and widely disseminated, with a multilingual emailing campaign targeted to heads

of research libraries. Some initial results have been already published and the survey is still open, gathering answers from all over the world.

LIBER Members 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

OpenAIRE2020

Seven months away from the FP7 Post-Grant Open Access Pilot end-date of Apr 30th, 2017, this post-grant funding initiative has already funded over 600 Open Access articles, books, book chapters and conference proceedings.

Pre-payment agreements with four publishers – BioMed Central, BMJ, Copernicus and Wiley – are being implemented since early June and are quickly becoming a popular procedure among researchers for getting their journal articles funded. This is also proving very useful for establishing contact with project coordinators.

The parallel call for funding APC-free Open Access journals issued early May resulted in 11 funded bids from 10 European countries. Funding will be awarded to implement technical improvements on their publishing standards. Interesting possibilities for collaboration across bids are being explored given the significant overlap in the technical improvement plans they proposed.

A call for bids for a market analysis report on Open Access publishing was released mid-September. This report, to be produced by an external consultant, is one of the key outputs of our Work Package. It will analyse the results of this post-grant funding initiative in the framework of an evolving Open Access publishing landscape.

National OpenAIRE Workshops to be held in various countries (UK, Serbia, Denmark) in forthcoming months have asked for presentations of the post-grant pilot, which will provide additional dissemination opportunities. An intensive outreach activity towards researchers and institutions keeps taking place besides these event presentations.

LIBER Members 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

OpenMinTeD

The text and data mining project “OpenMinTeD” is halfway through the project and is well underway to create an impactful infrastructure for text and data miners. As part of the work in the Dissemination work package, LIBER organised three stakeholder workshops in June and July: a workshop for repository managers was held in Dublin at the Open Repositories conference, a workshop for librarians was held at the LIBER conference and a workshop for text and data mining researchers was held at the JCDL conference in Newark. It was interesting to talk with different stakeholder groups about text and data mining and to discover both differences and similarities in the work they do or would like to do on this topic. In September, the full consortium gathered for a plenary meeting in which they reflected on the work done so far and discussed strategies for the upcoming second half of the project. LIBER also contributed by giving a workshop on “Communicating OpenMinTeD”, in which the consortium members learned how to explain the OpenMinTeD project to specific audiences through tailored messages. This was perceived as a very useful workshop and LIBER was invited to host communication workshops at all the upcoming consortium meetings.

LIBER has also been active in the Training work package, in which we work on building an online Knowledge Base about text and data mining. The Knowledge Base will feature trainings and guides for the project’s main stakeholders and will be hosted on the FOSTER training platform. As librarians are one of the main stakeholder groups, the Knowledge Base will also host information and guides for librarians, and is expected to go live in the first quarter of 2017.

LIBER Members involved in the project:

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

Pasteur4OA

LIBER helped the Pasteur4OA project end on a high note by organising a high-profile final conference for the project.

The event was titled Green Light for Open Access: Aligning Europe’s OA Policies, and was highly praised by the some 150 delegates who attended. In a survey following the conference, 98% of delegates rated the content of the conference as either Excellent or Good.

LIBER took primary responsibility for planning the conference. Our tasks included (but were not limited to) finding a venue, creating a programme, inviting and liaising with speakers and delegates, and maintaining a conference website. 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. Additionally, LIBER recruited members of the Communications Work Package to support communications activities around the conference (eg. social media activity, reviewing the communications plan).

Following the conference, LIBER ensured that all tasks were brought to a close. Much of this involved communicating the outcomes of the conference, which was done via blog posts, a final conference report and a short video about the event. For the conference report and film, LIBER hired freelancers to write session summaries and collect footage. LIBER subsequently worked with the freelancers to edit, publish and promote the final materials.

Shortly after the conference, LIBER also distributed a survey about the event and analysed the results. Over 90% of respondents praised the conference content and organisation, and said that the conference was relevant to their work.

Other post-conference tasks included the collection and processing of expense claims from invited guests, and the writing of a final deliverable describing the conference and its impact.

LIBER Members 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