



Highlights

This document serves as a summary of LIBER's project related activities for the period January 2021 – August 2021. A few highlights:

- The SSHOC project delivered its **annual activity and progress report** in January 2021. LIBER contributes as WP6 leader.
- The INOS project had its **third Plenary meeting** in February 2021, and delivered its **third periodic reporting** in March 2021.
- The reCreating Europe project delivers its **first periodic report** in August 2021. LIBER contributes as WP7 leader
- The **EOSC co-creation workshops**, a collaboration between LIBER and SKS, were successfully delivered between January 18th and January 27th 2021. The final overall reporting was delivered in April 2021. The [overall public report](#) is available on Zenodo.
- The ELE project had its **kick-off meeting** in January 2021.
- The MES-CoBraD project had its **kick-off meeting** in April 2021.
- LIBER, in the context of the INOS project, delivered **three Open Knowledge Activities** co-organised by **three LIBER Participants** with the support of the **LIBER Citizen Science Working Group**. LIBER also delivered **two vision-building workshops** that led to the delivery of [Co-Creating a Shared Vision for Citizen Science in Higher Education: Pitfalls and Recommendations Report on two Vision-Building Workshops](#)
- LIBER, in the context of the SSHOC project, collaborated with members of the **LIBER Research Data Management Working Group** to provide input as reviewers of the **SSH Recommendations for FAIR Data Citation**. It also co-organised a session during the LIBER2021 Conference together with the **LIBER Citizen Science Working Group**.
- LIBER, in the context of INOS, organised a brainstorming session, supported by the **LIBER Citizen Science Working Group**, on a **Roadmap for Capacity Building on Open Science and Citizen Science for Research Libraries**.
- LIBER, in the context of the ReCreating Europe project, was represented in the **CDSMD web Conference** by the chair of the **LIBER Copyright and Legal Matters Working Group**.
- LIBER, in the context of ORE, supported **one LIBER participant** in translating the **ORE Guidelines**. This initiative will be continued with other LIBER Participants.



- The EOSC working group on Skills and Training published its [final report](#). LIBER, participating in the working group, interviewed **seven LIBER representatives and LIBER Participants** whose input was included in the report.

Ongoing projects

Acronym	Title	Start date	End date	Total budget	LIBER budget
SSHOC	Social Sciences and Humanities Open Cloud	01.01.2019	30.04.2022	14.455.594,14	450.937,50
INOS (KA2 E+)	Integrating Open and Citizen Science into active learning approaches in Higher Education	01.09.2019	31.08.2022	404.980,00	79.797,00
reCreating Europe	Rethinking digital copyright law for a culturally diverse, accessible, creative Europe	01.01.2019	31.12.2022	3.087.928,75	311.500,00
ORE	Open Research Platform	04.09.2020	03.09.2024		136.780,00
ELE	European Language Equality	01.01.2021	28.02.2022	1.999.971,24	44.444,59 (90%reimbursement rate)
MES- CobraD	Multidisciplinary Expert System for the Assessment & Management of Complex Brain Disorders	01.04.2021	31.03.2024	5.656.318,75	311.750,00

Summary of current projects resources

Project	Resources	Online presence
SSHOC	WP1 Project management & Administration deliverables and milestones WP2 Communication, Dissemination, and Impact deliverables and milestones WP3 Lifting Technologies and Services into the SSH Cloud deliverables and milestones WP4 Innovations in Data production deliverables and milestones	Subscribe to newsletter Website Training LinkedIn page YouTube Twitter Zenodo

	WP5 Innovations in Data Access deliverables and milestones WP6 Fostering Communities, Empowering Users, & Building Expertise deliverables and milestones WP7 Creating the SSH Marketplace deliverables and milestones WP8: Governance/Sustainability/Quality Assurance deliverables and milestones WP9 Data Communities deliverables and milestones	
INOS	INOS deliverables/results Latest LIBER deliverable: Co-Creating a Shared Vision for Citizen Science in Higher Education: Pitfalls and Recommendations Report on two Vision-Building Workshops	Subscribe to newsletter Website Twitter account Facebook page Zenodo YouTube
reCreating Europe	<p>The public outcomes of the project can be found per stakeholder group or per type of activity/resource on the project's website.</p>	Subscribe to newsletter Website Facebook Twitter YouTube LinkedIn Dedicated page on LIBER website
ORE	Article guidelines	ORE splash page Submission page Dedicated page on LIBER website
ELE	ELE deliverables	Website Dedicated page on LIBER website
MES-CoBraD	TBA	Website Facebook Twitter LinkedIn Dedicated page on LIBER website
EOSC Workshops	Research libraries, researchers and the EOOSC – Final report	

Ongoing projects

SSHOC

The project builds and enhances a coordinated cluster of the Social Science and Humanities European Research Infrastructure Consortia (ERICs) in the context of EOSC. LIBER is leading the WP on Fostering Communities, Empowering Users, & Building Expertise.

LIBER is participating in the following work packages:

WP1 – Project management: LIBER participates in the regular PMB and 1Tier calls, also contributing to important strategic decisions of the project. In the requested period, LIBER also contributed to the [2nd Annual progress and activity report](#) (M13-M24), coordinating the WP6 input and providing data for the financial reporting.

WP2 - Communication, Dissemination, and Impact: LIBER collaborates on a regular basis by participating in the WP, but also on a higher level between WP2 and WP6, having shared activities (e.g. engaging end users and stakeholder series events). In the requested period LIBER acted as reviewer for the [Preliminary report on User Communities Engagement](#).

WP3 - Lifting Technologies and Services into the SSH Cloud: LIBER is contributing to deliverables under the task 3.4 “Making data findable by being citable” and relevant events. In the process of establishing regular interaction between libraries and the SSHOC services, LIBER also participates in activities of the task 3.6 “Making data re-usable and actionable”, assisting in the branding and marketing of SSHOC services and creating links for further engagement. Members of the LIBER Research Data Management Working Group were invited to provide their input on the SSHOC Recommendations on FAIR Data Citation, that were the main point of discussion during the Roundtable of experts

WP6 - Fostering Communities, Empowering Users, & Building Expertise: WP6 is responsible for delivering a wide range of activities in the duration of the project. Most of the activities that would happen in 2020 have already been scheduled but were greatly affected by the COVID-19 crisis, however a wide range of engagement and training activities were delivered online.

Two SSHOC engagement sessions took place during the LIBER2021 online conference: one in collaboration with CLARIN and one co-organised between with the LIBER Citizen Science Working Group. Information on SSHOC engagement events can be found [here](#).

In terms of building expertise and empowering the community, training events and related reports can be found [here](#). The SSH Training Discovery toolkit can be accessed [here](#). If you would like to join the SSH Training Community and its monthly meetings, please follow this [link](#). A [session on Citizen Science](#) was co-organised during the LIBER2021 Conference, together with the LIBER Citizen Science working group, while a poster on [Requesting Crowd Expertise: The SSH Open Marketplace and LIBER](#) was also presented on behalf of other partners that work on the SSH Open Marketplace.

Due to the pandemic, most of the other direct costs remained underspent. A plan to remedy this situation was agreed between LIBER and the project coordinator (CESSDA).

A discussion on sustainability of WP6 services and tools is ongoing and will contribute to the overall discussion of the SSHOC sustainability.

The second Annual progress and activity report has been submitted in the requested period.

A [dedicated SSHOC page](#) was created on the LIBER website, where more information and updates about the project can be found. Please make sure you subscribe to the SSHOC [newsletter](#).

INOS

This project is addressing Erasmus+ KA2 strategic partnerships and aiming to modernise Higher Education Institutions curricula and skills through civic engagement in open and citizen science. Two LIBER Participants are involved as members of the advisory board (Scientific Knowledge services and University Library of Southern Denmark). Tallinn University and Oulu University, whose libraries are LIBER Participants, are partners of the project. LIBER participates with activities targeting libraries and actively involving them in the discussion of curricula and skills modernization. We are leading dissemination activities, host a multiplier event, and lead an output on engaging, raising awareness and fostering policy change. Furthermore, we are responsible for four interactive workshops for library staff and students, in order to co-create learning material that could potentially be included in their curricula, as well as provide training and information on Open and Citizen Science. Through this project we have the opportunity to collaborate with the LIBER Citizen Science Working Group.

LIBER is at the moment working on the following activities:

IO3 - Encouraging a collaborative effort between citizens together with HE staff and students: three Open Knowledge Activities have been designed and delivered in the requested period, with the support of the LIBER Citizen Science WG:

- [Citizen Science: Why get involved?](#) (May 17th), co-organised with University of Torino, Norberto Bobbio Library;
- [Why Universities and Libraries should get involved in Citizen Science](#) (May 20th), co-organised with University College Dublin Library;
- [Integrating Citizen Science at Universities: from “What” to “How”](#) (June 2nd & 4th), co-organised with University Leuven Library.

IO4 - Encouraging collaboration and multidisciplinary approaches between students and HE staff: LIBER has a consulting role.

IO5 – Improve Higher education learning, teaching and training resources: work is soon to start.

IO6 - Engage, Raise awareness and Foster policy change: This Intellectual Output led by LIBER has started in February 2021. Since then, LIBER has designed and delivered two highly participatory vision-building workshops with the support of the LIBER Citizen Science WG:

- [Citizen & Open Science in Higher Education: Co-creating a Shared Vision](#) (March 16th)
- [Shakers & Makers: Key Stakeholders in Open Science & Citizen Science](#) (April 15th)

The consolidated report of the two workshops, with the contribution of the workshop participants was published under the title [Co-Creating a Shared Vision for Citizen Science in Higher Education: Pitfalls and Recommendations Report on two Vision-Building Workshops](#).

A [brainstorming session](#) was organised in July 2021 with the support of the LIBER Citizen Science Working Group, which focused on co-creating the upcoming Roadmap for capacity building on Open Science and Citizen Science for research libraries.

A [dedicated INOS page](#) was created on the LIBER website, where more information and updates about the project can be found. Please make sure you subscribe to the INOS [newsletter](#).

reCreating Europe

This project addresses DT-GOVERNANCE-13-2019: “Digitisation, Digital Single Market and European culture: new challenges for creativity, intellectual property rights and copyright”. The consortium brings together universities, IPR and cultural heritage/art/creative industry experts, researchers, lawyers and economists from around Europe, including Maynooth University Ireland, University of Glasgow, Amsterdam University, University of Tartu, Estonia, whose libraries are LIBER Participants.

WP5 - G.L.A.M.: LIBER participates in WP5 - G.L.A.M. activities focusing on Libraries and Archives and analyzing conducts with regard to (i) legal compliance (eg. if they are aligned with legal restrictions on digitisation by seeking authorization from rights holders when such authorisation is required) and compliance with policies and standards for Openness; (ii) implementation of technological measures; (iii) adoption of social norms and common practises, particularly if in conflict with formal legal norms and more aligned to Open Knowledge principles; (iv) access to content by people with disabilities (also building on data collected by other WPs). The [survey](#) on the impact of copyright law and open policies in relation to digitisation in the GLAM sector closed in February 2021. The results of the survey, together with the work of WP2- end users on accessibility and [Report on the existing legal framework for Libraries and Archives \(LA\) industries in EU](#), led in the delivery of [D5.4 Guidelines & FAQs \(LA\) industries – Final version](#).

WP7 - Dissemination, Engagement & Outreach: LIBER is leading the WP7 dissemination, engagement, outreach and training activities. At the time this report is written, **Milestone MS8 Evaluation of Engagement Strategy** is being finalized to be delivered by end of June 2021.

Recent highlights of the project:

- [ReCreating Europe and COMMUNIA: together for European copyright exceptions and limitations](#)
- [Workshop \(1 June 2021\): State of Exceptions & Limitations – Copyright flexibilities in the EU and its Member States](#)
- [ReCreating Europe celebrates World IP Day 2021](#)
- [Web Conference on the CDSM Directive](#), with the participation of Ben White, LIBER Copyright and Legal Matters Working Group in the panel for preservation of cultural heritage.

Linking to the LIBER strategy, the library community will be further targeted in the engagement activities and the validation process and aim to involve our members as much as possible in the activities of the project.

At the moment the WP7 activities are affected by the pandemic: events are either postponed or delivered online. Several deliverables are also postponed; hence less content is available for promotion. We are currently working on tackling the situation to be able to approach the set KPIs.

A six-month extension of the first reporting period was granted to the project, due to delays because of the pandemic. This will not affect the overall duration of the project for the time being.

In the requested period, LIBER acted as reviewer for [D4.12 Interim report on the information architecture of the Copyright User EU site](#). It also contributed to the **first periodic report** of the project.

LIBER participates in a newly-formed project task force for the identification of appropriate funding for a potential ReCreating Europe continuation.

A [dedicated ReCreating Europe page](#) was created on the LIBER website, where more information and updates about the project can be found. Please make sure you subscribe to the reCreating Europe [newsletter](#).

ORE

LIBER participates in strategic decisions, sustainability activities and communication & engagement activities. Work is ongoing in terms of Project Management and Communications, while Sustainability activities have just started in early 2021. LIBER, in the context of ORE has circulated a survey targeting libraries, whose results are accessible [here](#). The [ORE platform](#) was [officially launched](#), together with [Article guidelines](#). Following the initiative of the Library & Information Center, University of Patras to translate the guidelines in Greek, further opportunities for translations in other languages will be explored in the coming period. A session has been submitted at the [OSFAIR2021](#).

A dedicated [ORE page](#) was created on the LIBER website, where more information and updates about the project can be found.

ELE

The project started on January 1st 2021. The primary objective of the ELE project is to prepare the European Language Equality Programme, in the form of a strategic research, innovation and implementation agenda as well as a roadmap for achieving full digital language equality in Europe by 2030.

LIBER participates in activities under the following work packages:

WP1 - European Language Equality –Status Quo in 2020/2021

WP2 - European Language Equality –The Future Situation in 2030

WP3 - Development of the Strategic Agenda and Roadmap

WP4 - Communication –Dissemination –Exploitation –Sustainability

WP5 – Project Management

Recent activities of LIBER include:

- Contribution in [D3.1 Report on existing strategic documents and projects in LT/Al](#);
- Contribution in the design and launch of a WP2 survey;
- Participation in work package and plenary meetings.
- Submission of session at the [OSFAIR2021](#).

A dedicated [ELE](#) page was created on the LIBER website, where more information and updates about the project can be found.

MES-CoBraD

The project started on April 1st 2021. Some of the expected impacts of the project are to demonstrate the potential of the use of multi-disciplinary multi-source Real World Data to advance clinical research on complex chronic conditions and further develop new technological tools and platforms for advanced data management, apart from advancing the quality of life of patients and the potential of Real World Data from health authorities. LIBER is leading T3.1 engagement activities and T9.4 opportunity-based dissemination activities, while its overall role will focus on libraries in the lifecycle of RWD and their role in the creation and uptake of proposed solutions.

LIBER participates in activities under the following work packages:

WP1 Project coordination & management

WP2 Legal, Ethics and Security Frameworks

WP3 Landscape analysis & Methodology

WP5 Common multi-source research data lake & resource sharing

WP8 Pilot RWD Acquisition in CoBraD

WP9 Raising awareness, dissemination and communication

Recent activities of LIBER include:

- Provided engagement guidelines for the project partners;
- Designed and launched a project-internal survey on mapping the stakeholder landscape;
- Participated in work package and plenary meetings as task leader;
- Act as reviewer for D9.1 Communication & Dissemination Plan
- Drafting the project's Stakeholder engagement strategy.

A dedicated [MES-CoBraD](#) page was created on the LIBER website, where more information and updates about the project can be found.

PAST PROJECTS

EOSC Workshops

LIBER and Scientific Knowledge Services (SKS) together with TU Wien collaborated in preparing a proposal for workshops to request funding of the EOSC Secretariat co-creation calls. The proposal "Research Libraries, Researchers and the EOSC - How do they interact?" has been accepted. Modifications have been made to consider COVID-19 implications.

LIBER and Scientific Knowledge Services planned, designed and co-organised [a series of online workshops](#) in the period of 18th – 27th January 2021, bringing together EOSC Stakeholder groups that represent end-users and intermediaries/trainers, research/academic libraries and researchers. The final report of the workshops is accessible [here](#).

Inter-project activities

- Participation in the [Community of Practice for training coordinators and managers](#), led by OpenAIRE. Main contact on behalf of LIBER is Tanya Yankelevich.
- Vasso Kalaitzi participated in the [EOSC Enhance](#) Workshops on EOSC portal requirements validation.
- The [EOSC Skills and Training Working Group](#), where Vasso Kalaitzi participated, published its [final report](#). Seven interviews with representatives of LIBER and LIBER Participants provided input that was included in the report. The interviewees were:
 1. Adam Sofronijević - Deputy Director, University Library “Svetozar Marković”, University of Belgrade;
 2. Asger Væring Larsen, Senior Consultant, University Library of Southern Denmark;
 3. Ashling Hayes, Head of Research Services, University of Limerick Library;
 4. Astrid Verheusen, Executive Director, LIBER;
 5. Giannis Tsakonas - Director in the Library & Information Centre, University of Patras, Greece;
 6. Jeannette Frey, LIBER President, Director of Bibliothèque Cantonale et Universitaire (BCU) Lausanne;
 7. Julien Roche, LIBER Vice-President, Director of Libraries at University of Lille; Madeleine Géroutet, University of Lille, Head of research and researcher support services department; Romain Feret, University of Lille, Head of the Open Science service; Laurence Crohem, University of Lille, University Libraries, Research Support Department, in charge of the coordination of PhD training in scientific information, and of bibliometric and bibliographic approaches;

Projects Database

The next steps regarding the database include:

- Optimization of procedure and survey for gathering future information, in order to update the Projects Database once per year;
- Optimization of project acquisition and selection;
- Identification of future project opportunities, partnerships and involvement of LIBER participants whenever possible

The results of the database have been used in the requested period for the identification of potential proposal partners, as well as for co-organisers and collaborators in current project activities.