

Memorandum of Understanding between LIBER (Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche) and ADBU (Association des directeurs et personnels de direction des bibliothèques universitaires et de la documentation)

The aim of the LIBER Foundation is to represent the interests of the research libraries of Europe, their universities and researchers. LIBER's mission is in particular:

- To provide an information infrastructure to enable research in LIBER Institutions to be world class;
- To enhance the experience of users in LIBER Institutions, which is enriched by the facilities and services which LIBER can offer;
- To promote and advocate for European libraries in all European and national fora where the voice of LIBER needs to be heard;
- To develop library and information professionals who are innovative and can offer leadership to LIBER and to the national/international library community.

The ADBU carries the vision of a university library with a strong societal role. The ADBU is concerned with questions of strategy and the evolution of scientific and technical information, and constantly questions, with openness and audacity, the place of academic libraries in society. The ADBU fights against preconceived ideas and fully reaffirms the role, missions, ambition, and values of university libraries. Places of sharing and expression, of effervescence of ideas, of intellectual wealth, of achievement and innovation, academic libraries are the pioneers, within higher education and research, of the dissemination of digital knowledge and the sharing of knowledge. They are a key player in student success and research.

Vision

LIBER and ADBU will work together to conduct one or more joint studies on topics that are relevant to both organisations' missions.

Budget

- LIBER and ADBU agree to divide costs equally. ADBU and LIBER will operate as equal partners, and therefore will not be delivering services to each other.
- Both partners will contribute €10.000 per calendar year. The studies can span the calendar years.
- Each study will have a fixed budget. If this budget would be exceeded, both organisations will consult with their respective Executive Boards.

Governance

- The studies will be conducted by external research agencies.
- The budget of each study will be overseen by a Management Committee, consisting of two representatives of both ADBU and LIBER. The Management Committee will handle legal and logistical parts of the studies.
- Each study will have an Advisory Committee, consisting of academics from ADBU's and LIBER's networks. The Advisory Committees will be responsible for overseeing the scientific side of the studies. The Advisory Committees will write the tender for their respective studies in collaboration with the Management Committee. ADBU and LIBER will each propose two candidates per Advisory Committee.

- ADBU and LIBER will periodically report to their Executive Boards about the studies' progress.

Timeline

This Memorandum of Understanding has a duration of three years from the time of signature. It can be renewed should both parties choose to do so.

Scope

- Addendums can be added to this Memorandum of Understanding.
- A separate, detailed appendix will be signed by ADBU and LIBER for each joint study.

This Memorandum of Understanding was approved by both the LIBER and ADBU Executive Boards.

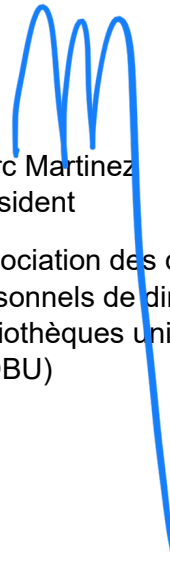
Signed on behalf of LIBER:
date: 22 February 2021



Astrid Verheusen
Executive Director

LIBER

Signed on behalf of ADBU:
date: 24 February 2021



Marc Martinez
Président

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personnels de direction des
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