



REPORT STEERING COMMITTEE

Date report: 13-10-2021

Name SC: Digital Skills & Services	
Reporting period: February – October 2021	
Chair:	Heli Kautonen
Secretary:	Liisi Lembinen
Member SC:	Hilde Van Kiel
Member SC:	Kirsty Lingstadt
Member SC:	Caleb Derven
Executive Director:	Astrid Verheusen

Overall progress (Provide an overview of activities and products delivered since the previous report and the planning of upcoming activities and products)	
Activities SC & Working Groups:	<p>Leadership Programmes Working Group</p> <p>Event for Library Directors (19/5/2021), online event to provide an extra opportunity for Library Directors as the Journées are postponed until May 2022. Current title: Embracing uncertainty. Very successful event with Chris Bourg (MIT), Jessica Gardner (Cambridge) and Simone Buitendijk as speakers and lively breakout rooms.</p> <p>Planned Events:</p> <p>Alumni Event: during online LIBER Conference, aimed at previous participants of the Emerging Leadership Group but open to everyone interested (might be promotion for the Leadership Programmes as well).</p> <p>Emerging Leadership Cohort 5: Decision has been taken to organise the Second Seminar online October 2021 with a live moment at the next LIBER Conference.</p> <p>Emerging Leadership Cohort 6: Decision has been made to postpone start of the Cohort to the next LIBER Conference, Odense 2021 with final seminar at the LIBER Conference 2022.</p> <p>⇒ This has a consequence for Cohort 7 as we can only start in 2023 with this new cohort; which is one year later than planned.</p>



	<p>LIBER Journées: by request of the LIBER Board postponed until May 2022, to be held live in Budapest.</p> <p>Digital Scholarship and Digital Cultural Heritage Working group (DSDCH WG)</p> <p>The Group has been given the go ahead to continue with a new workplan. This has been approved by the Board and the Working group has refreshed its membership over the summer and found new leads for its working groups.</p> <p>The new areas of activity are as follows:</p> <p>Responsible use of digital collections (formerly Digital Collections) (led by Marian Lefferts and Rossitza Atanassova)</p> <p>Digital Competencies /Prov(id)ing expertise (led by Caleb Derven and Lotte Wilms)</p> <p>Building Relationships (led by Liam O'Dwyer and Sarah Ames – returning from maternity leave Oct)</p> <p>Emerging theme: Digital impact (led by Nora McGregor)</p>
Public Events held (e.g. workshops):	<p>The Leadership Programmes WG: Workshop 'Leadership in the time of Covid' at the LIBER Online Conference, full registered (86 attendees, 43 on the wait list).</p> <p>The DSDCH WG team are in the process of organising open Town Hall meetings with the support of the LIBER office to be held on a regular basis.</p> <p>Both WGs have submitted proposals for the LIBER Winter event.</p>
Delivered products:	Revised membership, refreshed working groups and new programme of activity.

Status of budget utilisation	
Budget allocated:	6000 €
Realization to date:	€TBC
Remaining budget:	€

Necessary decisions of the Executive Board	
Decision requested:	<p>For the executive Board:</p> <p>1) Request to move Cohort 7 to year 2025 because Journées in Berlin takes place in 2024. The Cohort 6 ends in 2023 and Cohort 7 should start in 2024. The Cohort 6 is also taking place under new</p>

	<p>tender, so it would be great to have a year to reflect on the results of the new cohort.</p> <p>2) Request to modify the progress table so that it is better in line with the current WGs, their areas of activity and the related goals. Particularly, the SC wishes to remove those action areas that are no longer part of or relevant to this SC. These action areas are indicated in the following progress report.</p>
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Action area	Planned Activities	Planned Impact	Progress	Status
Text and data mining	Develop best practice in supporting TDM e.g. licencing, tools, data storage, visualisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Libraries are able to offer services to researchers - A best practice sheet is available for LIBER members on the LIBER Webpage - LIBER libraries have the skills to support researchers in TDM 	<p>Action area not part of this SC.</p> <p>(Request to remove from the report template.)</p>	🟢/🟡/🔴
Digital cultural heritage and digital scholarship	<p>Partner with digital scholars</p> <p>(can be done through LIBER WG + DARIAH and CLARIN)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional value of librarians is acknowledged by scholars - LIBER Website displays a fact sheet "how to partner with digital scholars" - LIBER collaborates at 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best practice fact sheet has been delivered • Group reformed with new members • Group now exploring how libraries can raise awareness of their work with digital collections to researchers 	🟡

		practical level with DARIAH and CLARIN		
Changing the service development philosophy	Sharing best practice on development of software and systems with user engagement to build the best solutions for them	- LIBER members know agile development and have examples how to enhance user engagement.	This area has not been addressed by any WG within this SC. (Request to remove from the report template.)	😊/😐/😞
Information Ethics	Explore role of library in information ethics and Responsible Research & Innovation	- There are clear aims in role of the library in the information ethics - LIBER Website provides a fact sheet about information ethics for LIBER members	This area has not been addressed by any WG within this CS. (Request to remove from the report template.)	😊/😐/😞
Digital cultural heritage and digital scholarship	Spread best practice in managing digital humanities content (can be done by LIBER workshop on Digital Humanities)	- Evidence based feedback of best practice usage - LIBER workshop "Digital humanities" produces a best practice list available on LIBER Website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop proposal has been submitted for LIBER Winter event • Working group has refreshed membership • Town Hall event 	😐
Diversifying digital skills of library staff members and researchers	Develop skills profiles	- Librarians are informed about options to improve their skills profile. - New profiles are available on LIBER website.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSDCH WG setting up Town Halls to cover DS topics 	😊/
Diversifying digital skills of library staff members and researchers	Build capacity to support digital activities	- LIBER leadership programme takes this field into account in the programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call for Emerging Leadership Programme was very successful with over 40 candidates. Starts in October 2021. • DSDCH WG Town Hall events 	😊

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Digital skills are embedded in the work programmes of LIBER working groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for Winter event 	
Diversifying digital skills of library staff members and researchers	Identify digital skills needed by researchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Librarians are ready to offer courses to improve digital skills. - List of skills is provided on LIBER Website to support LIBER libraries in their support to researchers 	<p>This activity was addressed by the LIBER Digital Skills for Library Staff & Researchers Working Group. The work of this WG has ended. Results of the WG are available on the LIBER website:</p> <p>https://libereurope.eu/working-group/liber-digital-skills-services-working-group/</p>	



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REPORT STEERING COMMITTEE

Date report: 09/10/21

Name SC: Innovative Scholarly Communication	
Reporting period: June 2021 – October 2021	
Chair:	Giannis Tsakonas
Secretary:	Sylvia Koukounidou
Member SC:	Sofie Wennström, Chair of WG on Open Access
Member SC:	Ben White, Chair of WG on Copyright and Legal Matters
Member SC:	Paul Ayris, Chair of WG on Citizen Science
Member SC:	Hilde van Wijngaarden, Chair of WG on Educational Resources
Executive Director:	Astrid Verheusen

Overall progress (Provide an overview of activities and products delivered since the previous report and the planning of upcoming activities and products)	
Activities SC & Working Groups:	<p>The SC held a meeting in the reporting period and all the WGs had their regular meetings as well. As usual, the summer months have not been very active, but provide a chance to regroup, review and plan the forthcoming period.</p> <p>The WG of Copyright and Legal Matters concentrated its efforts in the launching of the KnowledgeRights21 project, which is funded by the Arcadia Foundation. As mentioned in previous reports, the project will focus on eBooks, open access (#zeroembargo campaign and right retention), the undermining of copyright exceptions by licenses and technologies and an open flexible norm in Europe (see more at https://libereurope.eu/article/press-release-knowledge-rights-21-21st-century-access-to-culture-learning-and-research-in-europe/). The project launch was postponed in July and officially started in late September. It is expected that it will host some activities of the ZeroEmbargo campaign (Secondary Publisher Right), which is inactive the last couple of months. The WG supported the eBook SOS campaign by suggesting sending letters to the Chairs of Competition and Markets Authority urging that a market investigation is undertaken. A carbon</p>



	<p>copy to the EU Directorate General on Competition was also sent. Finally, the WG raised the issue that LIBER should pile some pressure to allow Wikimedia Foundation to have the Observer Status in WIPO (blocked by China).</p> <p>The WG of Citizen Science started the negotiation for partnership with two key partners, namely ECSA and SciStarter, and has prepared the respective Memoranda of Understanding, which have been submitted to the Executive Board for review and consideration for approval. The WG was presented at the Croatian Special Libraries Association Annual Conference (Oct 2nd, 2021) and continues to prepare “The Research Librarians Guide to Citizen Science” and the BESPOC templates. The WG submitted one proposal for workshop in the Winter Event.</p> <p>The new WG on Educational Resources has been set up and has met already two times. The WG has started planning its activities and the deliverables it wants to produce and has submitted two proposals for workshops in the Winter Event. One of these is with the Open Access WG on the digital accessibility of research publications and educational assets and aims to highlight the need to make these open for all, including the print-disabled users.</p> <p>No progress has been recorded on the Innovative Peer Review WG. The Chair of the Steering Committee has advertised it at the recent Open Science Fair 2021 workshop “Innovative Peer Review for Research Libraries” and was invited to write a Guest Editorial on the topic of Open Peer Review in the forthcoming issue of LIBER Quarterly.</p> <p>The WG on Open Access has resumed work on the revision of the “Five Principles for Negotiations with Publishers” and on the Think.Check.Submit initiative. The Group submitted two proposals for workshops in the Winter Event (one with the WG on Educational Resources).</p> <p>The Chair of the Steering Committee represented LIBER in the COAR strategic meeting about Future Repositories, as well as to the 10th UNICA Scholarly Communication online Seminar “Academic Libraries. Supporting the university community in the Open Science era” (presentation about innovative metrics).</p>
Public events held (e.g. workshops):	<p>Webinars</p> <p>★ eBook Licensing in Europe and the Vanishing Library? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-Va9oYDOn4</p>
Delivered products:	

Status of budget utilisation	
Budget allocated:	€ 6.000,00







Realization to date:	€ 699,38 (OS Skills rights acquisition) € 1.117,39 (Think.Check.Submit)
Remaining budget:	€ 3.183,23

Necessary decisions of the Executive Board	
Decision requested:	To decide about the fate of the Innovative Peer Review WG.



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Copyright & Legal Matters	Advocate for research friendly copyright reform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Interests groups are involved in the process of advocacy - LIBER point of view is taken into account in EC discussions 	The WG continues lobbying for the interests of public and openness and has supported the eBook SOS campaign and the Wikimedia Foundation efforts to have the Observer Status in WIPO.	
Copyright & Legal Matters	Guidance on implementation of new legal measures (copyright, DSM)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guidance is well advertised - Copyright workshop for professionals to learn and share about legal matters 	Nothing to report in this period, but there are plans about it.	
Copyright & Legal Matters	Build capacity to support researchers on copyright and legal matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Researchers are informed - LIBER provides Copyright workshop for professionals to learn and share about legal matters - LIBER provides workshops on data protection 	A very successful webinar was delivered on the matter of eBook pricing.	
Open Access to research publications	Advocate for OA policies and mandates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OA policies in place that promote sustainable OA 		



Open Access to research publications	Facilitate exchange of best practice in licensing negotiation for off-setting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Move towards sustainable OA business models - Sustainable business models are the default 	A representative of the Group takes part in the SCOSS Advisory Group and links the team with the initiative that supports the sustainability of Open Science infrastructures. Many of these, such as DOAB, have direct links with the sustainability of OA content (monographs in particular).	
Open Access to research publications	Promote and develop repositories services	- LIBER libraries systematically implement services and workflow to support OA	The WG has resumed work on the Think.Check.Submit initiative. Also has resumed work on revising/updating the Five Principles for Negotiations with Publishers.	
Innovative Metrics	Advocate for open metrics	- LIBER point of view is taken in account in EC discussions		N/A
Innovative Metrics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide guidance on how to support metrics - Organize LIBER workshop on new metrics and how to implement them in LIBER libraries 	- LIBER members have an overview about new available metrics		N/A
Innovative Metrics	Explore new metrics	- LIBER supports one or two new metrics through workshops		N/A
Innovative Peer Review	Investigate landscape and role of libraries	- LIBER members have an overview of ongoing initiatives in the field	Still early to report anything. There is problem with recruiting members, as well as finding a Chair.	



Citizen Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Citizen Science enthusiasts are informed of library support - Overview on Citizen Science actions going on in Europe is available to LIBER members - LIBER organizes a Workshop "Citizen Science" where members can discuss the most valuable actions 	Grow the role of libraries in supporting Citizen Science	A lot of productive work in terms of actual deliverables, as well as of networking that strengthen the role of libraries in the Citizen Science field.	
Educational Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote the creation and use of OER - Support management and worldwide sharing of OER - Be ambassadors of including Open Education in Open Science programs 	The Working Group will help librarians with their support on how to find, use, create and share educational resources.	A good set up of the WG with plans about the forthcoming months.	



REPORT STEERING COMMITTEE

EB0321.7.3.1

Date report: 06-10-2021

Name SC: Research Infrastructure	
Reporting period: June 2021 – Sept 2021	
Chair:	Dr Birgit Schmidt
Secretary:	Eliane Blumer
Member SC / RDM WG Co-chairs:	Rob Grim
Member SC / LOC WG Chair:	closed WG, formerly: Matias Frosterus
Member SC / Architecture Group Chair:	Marie-Pierre Pausch
Member SC / FIM4L WG Co-chair:	Jos Westerbeke
Member SC / DSLib WG Co-chair:	Péter Kiraly, Neha Moopen
Executive Director:	Astrid Verheusen

Overall progress (Provide an overview of activities and products delivered since the previous report and the planning of upcoming activities and products)	
Activities SC & Working Groups:	<p>The RDM WG continues but has not resumed its activities since the summer break yet. The WG contributed a workshop "FAIR data enabling through European research libraries" where recent results of the working group and current activities and projects around data stewardship, a FAIR adoption handbook (FAIRsFAIR), journals' data policies were presented (https://pad.gwdg.de/RDM_workshop_LIBER2021#).</p> <p>The Federated Identity Management working group (FIM4L, https://libereurope.eu/strategy/research-infrastructures/fim4l/) meets on a bi-weekly basis. It currently plans its second consultation based on a revised version of its "Federated Access to Online Resources: Principles & Recommendations for Library Services". The WG delivered a webinar for the UKSG and contributed a presentation to the IFLA WC.</p> <p>The LIBER Architecture Group continues its work. For 2021 the WG has announced the LAG conference that will take place in Luxembourg from 27-29 April 2022. In addition, a webinar is planned for 2021.</p> <p>The Data Science in Libraries WG (DSLlib) has set up its work space and meets regularly. It has identified three main areas of interest: creating a landscape analysis/overview, team/service building, funding opportunities, and will shape up a work plan in the next meeting. On 27 September 2021 members of the DSLlib WG contributed to a workshop on AI/ML in Libraries, organised by Heli Kautonen and Andrea Gasparini which gathered feedback and additional input on current strategies and activities in libraries. The DSLlib co-chairs have submitted a lightning talk session for the LIBER Winter event.</p>
Public Events held (e.g.)	LIBER2021: workshop by RDM WG, presentation by FIM4L WG



workshops):	UKSG webinar by FIM4L WG, 14 July 2021, https://www.uksg.org/event/free-uksg-webinar-federated-authentication-library-resources-can-it-be-trusted FIM4L WG presentation at the IFLA WLIC 2021 virtual conference, 19 August 2021
Delivered products:	-

Status of budget utilisation	
Budget allocated:	€ 6.000
Realization to date:	€ 327
Remaining budget:	€ 5673






Necessary decisions of the Executive Board	
Decision requested:	-






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Research data management / data stewardship	Build capacity among library professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LIBER members know the available capacities - Skills have improved at LIBER libraries and they have the skills to support researchers 	<p>The RDM WG is working on the following analysis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Library professionals job descriptions - Outline of responsibilities and tasks - Implementation strategies for libraries to improve staff skills 	🟢
Research data management / Data Curation	Framework for integrating data curation into training for researchers (following the CURATE model and use it early in the data life cycle to train researchers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase awareness and understanding of the importance of curation - Place the role of the libraries in data curation and its training offer 	<p>The RDM WG is currently collecting all contents for such a framework – main references, training examples, infographic ideas.</p> <p>Moreover, the RDM WG is currently collecting ideas for the edition of the RDM webinar series.</p>	🟢
Research data management / Engaging with researchers	Work on a "how to engage with researchers" guideline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitate the interaction with researchers 	RDM WG group has finalized its guidelines on how to engage researchers with research data management (see outputs).	🟢
Research data management / DMP Catalogue	Continue work on DMP Catalogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase visibility of DMP Catalogue to LIBER members - Increase usefulness of catalogue to catalogue 	Ongoing work: Further extension of the DMP Catalogue foreseen based on the survey outcomes and direct acquisition of further DMPs.	🟢

		end users		
Research Data Management / workshop for LIBER2020	Create capacity in libraries to support FAIR data	- Theme of a LIBER annual conference, or a LIBER workshop	The RDM WG contributed a workshop to LIBER2021 on researcher/community engagement and enabling FAIR data.	
Research data management / FAIR	Advocate for FAIR data	- The point of view of LIBER is known (e.g. RDA, EC, EUA/LERU/UNICA, W3C)	Close exchange with RDA (via Interest Groups: Libraries for Research Data, Long Tail, Training, etc.) has been established, further exchange via EU projects (e.g. EOSCpilot, RDA Europe, FOSTER). The RDM WG explores further opportunities of collaboration with other initiatives. The RDM WG works on an update of the FAIR factsheet, based on recent findings in FAIRness of Repositories & their Data report (June 2019) and other outputs.	
Semantic interoperability; open linked data	Facilitate the exchange of expertise on enhancing scholarly data and related services	- Theme of a LIBER annual conference, or a LIBER workshop - Case examples of libraries implementing LOD - Pilot projects (EC) to study semantic interoperability of research infrastructures	The LOD WG has published its report on best practices for library LOD publication in March 2021. It is currently preparing a consultation (with support of the LIBER Office) based on a revised version of the recommendations.	
Semantic interoperability; open linked data	Facilitate the exchange of expertise on enhancing scholarly data and related services	- Theme of a LIBER annual conference, or a LIBER workshop - Case examples of libraries implementing LOD - Pilot projects (EC) to study semantic interoperability of research infrastructures	The LOD WG analysed the results from their survey on library linked open data publishing and published a report detailing their conclusions.	
Semantic interoperability;	Facilitate the exchange of expertise on enhancing	- Theme of a LIBER annual conference, or a	The LOD WG has closed its activities in 2021. A finalized version of its best practices report has been released in March	

open linked data	scholarly data and related services	<p>LIBER workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Case examples of libraries implementing LOD - Pilot projects (EC) to study semantic interoperability of research infrastructures 	2021.	
Shared services & cloud services & best practices	Produce overview of landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LIBER Website provides an overview about the available services for LIBER libraries - LIBER libraries provide case studies and best practices on different kinds of shared services - Create and promote guidance on service configurations (e.g. SSO) 	<p>More generally, the action area also relates to the European Open Science Cloud (incl. the finalised EOSCpilot project). Some members of the SC RI are directly involved in the EOSC activities (e.g. EOSC Secretariat, FAIR Working Group).</p> <p>The FIM4L WG currently promotes its recommendations to libraries, publishers and other stakeholders. The recommendations received endorsement from CARL, CAUL and RLUK, and a website was established (https://www.fim4l.org). Further planned activities are to reach out to publishers with badly configured federated SSO and ask them to adhere to FIM4L principles and recommendations.</p>	
Shared services	Present state-of-the-art library buildings in Europe through a user-friendly platform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Redesign and development of a new portal showcasing new or refurbished library buildings in Europe - Manage the website and regular updates 	Based on collaboration with the company La Tempesta the "Library Buildings in Europe" website was relaunched with 37 items (with 20 items from 2012-2016 and 17 items from 2016-2020). The LAG will continue to expand and curate the collection.	
Disciplinary partnership	Engage in joint capacity building (training) with disciplinary communities e.g. via CLARIN	- LIBER provides guidance for libraries for engagement (through Website, of fact sheet)	Projects: A working relationship with the SSH community has been established via the SSHOC project	
Disciplinary partnership	Facilitate engagement with e-infra	- LIBER provides guidance for libraries for engagement (through website, or fact sheet)	Projects: see above.	