

Name SC: Digital Skills & Services	
Reporting period: February 2022 - May 2022	
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>Past events:</p> <p>Emerging leaders – Cohort 6 - The first seminar took place from 3 to 5 May 2022 at ENSSIB (École nationale supérieure des sciences de l’information et des bibliothèques), Lyon.</p> <p>LIBER Journées 2022 was held in Budapest on May 18-20, 2022. Total of 13 participants took part in the programme.</p> <p>Planned events:</p> <p>For Annual Conference 2022: Alumni workshop Leadership course at LIBER Conference + Workshop on Leadership in ‘Positioning the library as a valued partner in our Universities in an open science world.’ The final meeting for Cohort 5 will take place on Tuesday 5 July 2022 (the day before the LIBER 2022 Annual Conference starts) at the University of Southern Denmark campus in Odense.</p> <p>LIBER Journées promotional video together with leadership programmes poster will be introduced in LIBER Conference.</p> <p>Digital Scholarship and Digital Cultural Heritage Working group (DSDCH WG)</p> <p>The WG has been progressing its new workplan. As noted</p>



	<p>previously, the teams have been reconstituted 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>For Annual Conference 2022: DSDCH WG will be holding the pre-conference workshop <i>Digital Scholarship Now!</i> which presents a series of lightning talks showcasing some of the most innovative responses and/or provocations to the most pressing questions currently affecting the digital scholarship community today.</p> <p>The DSDCH WG organised two townhall meetings in November 2021 and Spring 2022 – unfortunately we didn’t have enough participants to run the later workshop.</p>
Delivered products:	<p>Revised membership, refreshed working groups and new programme of activity.</p> <p>LIBER Journees promotional video and leadership programmes poster.</p>

Status of budget utilisation	
Budget allocated:	€3000
Realization to date:	€1519,95
Remaining budget:	€1480,05










Necessary decisions of the Executive Board	
Decision requested:	




Progress in implementation of the strategy (Describe the progress and indicate by means of an emotion whether the status is "green" (progress is good), "yellow" (there is a small deviation from expectation), or "red" (there is a large deviation from expectation). If "red", please explain the status.)

Below, all planned Roadmap activities are listed in order of priority. In the case of low priority activities, progress should only be reported if appropriate.

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 	Tasks not part of this SC.	🟢/🟡/🔴
Digital cultural heritage and digital scholarship	Partner with digital scholars (can be done through LIBER WG + DARIAH and CLARIN)	<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 been addressed by other WG.	 /  / 
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.	 /  / 
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"> 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	Build capacity to	- LIBER leadership programme takes this	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSDCH WG Town Hall events 	



<p>skills of library staff members and researchers</p>	<p>support digital activities</p>	<p>field into account in the programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Digital skills are embedded in the work programmes of LIBER working groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIBER Journees 2022 took place on the 18-20th of May in Budapest. • New poster for introducing LIBER leadership programmes, new Journees video have been produced, will be introduced in LIBER Conference in Denmark. • Alumni workshop Leadership course at LIBER Conference + Workshop on Leadership in 'Positioning the library as a valued partner in our Universities in an open science world.' • LIBER Emerging Leaders Cohort 6 3-5 May 2022 Lyon 	
<p>Diversifying digital skills of library staff members and researchers</p>	<p>Identify digital skills needed by researchers</p>	<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: https://libereurope.eu/working-group/liber-digital-skills-services-working-group/</p>	



REPORT STEERING COMMITTEE

Date report: 24/06/22

Name SC: Innovative Scholarly Communication	
Reporting period: February 2022 - July 2022	
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:

The WG on Copyright and Legal Matters has partnered with other organizations to sign open letters about the Digital Services Act, as there is the urgent need to exempt research and academic platforms from the range of application.

The WG of Open Access released the “Four Urgent Recommendations for Open Access Negotiations with Publishers”. This is the revision of the Five Recommendations in 2017, commissioned by the EB. The work was carried mainly by a small group of experts from the WG, and it looked broadly at the changes in the landscape of scholarly communication in the last five years. The Recommendations are supported by a blog post, a poster and a social media graphic, while a workshop will be held at the LIBER2022 too. LIBER has signed the cOAlitionS letter to big publishers in order to increase clarity and transparency about reuse terms.

The WG on Citizen Science continues its efforts too. After the signing of the two MoUs with ECSA and SciStarter, which were formally announced through posts, one joint webinar with ECSA and Leiden University followed. The WG is close to releasing the second chapter of



	<p>the “Citizen Science for Research Libraries Guide” on infrastructures.</p> <p>The WG on Educational Resources continues to meet regularly and exchange experience and practices. This period can be considered as a cultivation one, as it needs to (a) see where it fits in the new strategy, (b) has a clear identity and scope of activities, especially in relation to other initiatives and (c) find a new Chair to lead it.</p> <p>All WGs have submitted workshop proposals for the LIBER Annual Conference in Odense.</p> <p>The WG on Innovative Peer Review has been informed that it will be dissolved with the prospect of restarting the work on the issue in the future.</p>
<p>Public events held (e.g. workshops):</p>	<p>Webinars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * We All Do Better When We Work Together: LIBER, ECSA and Leiden University Webinar. Post and recording on YouTube. <p>Workshops in LIBER2022</p> <p>Workshops in the Annual LIBER Conference organized by the WGs or with the participation of WG members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Four Urgent Recommendations for Open Access Negotiations with Publishers (Open Access) * Assessing, Financing and Maintaining Open Access Infrastructures: a New Role for Libraries (Open Access) * The eBook dilemma: copyright, licensing and digital lending in libraries (Copyright & Legal Matters) * Open to Society: New networks, strategy, and in practice (Citizen Science)
<p>Delivered products:</p>	<p>Publications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Four Urgent Recommendations for Open Access Negotiations with Publishers. <p>Posts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Proposal for a Digital Services Act — Research, Education, and Science as Collateral Damage. * LIBER Signs Statement on the Exemption of Not-for-profit Educational and Scientific Repositories, Digital Archives and Libraries from the Digital Services Act. * LIBER Endorses cOAlition S Letter to Publishers. * LIBER Signs MoU with the European Citizen Science Association (ECSA).

<p>Status of budget utilisation</p>	
<p>Budget allocated:</p>	<p>€ 6.000,00</p>



Realization to date:	€ 2.368,58 (Citizen Science Guide Design) € 1.117,39 (Think.Check.Submit)
Remaining budget:	€ 2.514,03

Necessary decisions of the Executive Board	
Decision requested:	Assign the role of the Chair of the Committee to another Executive Member as the term of the current one is ending.



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
Below, all planned Roadmap activities are listed in order of priority. In the case of low priority activities, progress should only be reported if appropriate.

Action area	Planned Activities	Planned Impact	Progress	Status
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 	LIBER has partnered with other organizations on DSA	
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 	Guidance on eBooks licensing well performed. Timely issue, especially after COVID-19.	
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 		
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 	The WG has published the Four Urgent Recommendations on Open Access Negotiations with Publishers.	
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 actively takes part in the SCOSS Advisory Group and links the team with the initiative that supports the sustainability of Open Science infrastructures.	



Open Access to research publications	Promote and develop repositories services	- LIBER libraries systematically implement services and workflow to support OA		
Innovative Metrics	Advocate for open metrics	- LIBER point of view is taken in account in EC discussions		N/A
Innovative Metrics	-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		N/A
Citizen Science	- 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.	



<p>Educational Resources</p>	<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	<p>The Working Group will help librarians with their support on how to find, use, create and share educational resources.</p>	<p>A good set up of the WG with plans about the forthcoming months.</p>	
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Date report: 24-06-2022

Name SC: Research Infrastructure	
Reporting period: Febr 2022 – June 2022	
Chair:	Dr Birgit Schmidt
Secretary:	NN
Member SC / RDM WG Co-chairs:	Mari Elisa Kuusniemi, Liisi Lembinen
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:	Dr Péter Kiraly, Neha Moopen, Linda Sile
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 working group continues its work. The hand-over of the former chair to the incoming co-chairs has been completed and they have started to coordinate an update of group memberships (new members are very welcome!) and activities. In particular, an updated version of the FAIR data in libraries briefing paper was created and submitted to the LIBER Office for publishing. A RDM workshop will be contributed to the LIBER conference ("Data management cooperation in practice: Lesson learned").</p> <p>The Federated Identity Management working group (FIM4L, https://libereurope.eu/strategy/research-infrastructures/fim4l/) meets on a bi-weekly basis. The group reviews has updated its recommendations "Federated Access to Online Resources: Principles & Recommendations for Library Services", in particular based on comments received through a public consultation process and events. The group held a series of conversations with Elsevier and summarized its views on challenges and opportunities related to federated access in a LIBER blog post.</p> <p>The LIBER Architecture Group held a seminar in Luxembourg from 27-29 April 2022. A summary of the event was published by the LIBER Office and all presentations have been made available via Zenodo.</p> <p>The Data Science in Libraries WG (DSLlib) meets on a monthly basis and made progress on their tasks. The group continues to work on a landscape analysis (https://hackmd.io/zJacq6KtR-eZz78BSdBvUw), and has created a matrix for libraries engagement in data science and collected responses from working group members (https://hackmd.io/7Y0W6DkSTaWLwgihK5_egQ?view). The first results from this survey will be presented at a LIBER2022 workshop and expanded by opening the survey more widely to libraries.</p> <p>All working groups have contributed to discussions of the proposed LIBER</p>



	strategy 2023-2026.
Public Events held (e.g. workshops):	FIM4L contribution to the opening plenary "Library access of the future" at CAMP Week, 4-8 Oct 2021, https://spaces.at.internet2.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=175965176
Delivered products:	FIM4L Working Group in Talks with Elsevier — Towards Federated Access Best Practices, blog post, 18 June 2022, https://libereurope.eu/article/fim4l-working-group-in-talks-with-elsevier-towards-federated-access-best-practices/ Updated version of FAIR data management in libraries briefing paper XXX

Status of budget utilisation	
Budget allocated:	€ 3.000
Realization to date:	€ ???
Remaining budget:	€ ???






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 	The RDM WG is working on the following analysis: <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 	The RDM WG is currently collecting all contents for such a framework – main references, training examples, infographic ideas. Moreover, the RDM WG is currently collecting ideas for the edition of the RDM webinar series.	🟢
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 	No current activity for the DMP Catalogue	🟡

		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 LIBER2022 on lessons learned related to data management cooperation in practice.	
Research data management / FAIR	Advocate for FAIR data	- The point of view of LIBER is known (e.g. RDA, EC, EUA/LERU/UNICA, W3C)	<p>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).</p> <p>The RDM WG explores further opportunities of collaboration with other initiatives.</p> <p>The RDM WG has finished up its work on an update of the FAIR factsheet, based on recent findings in FAIRness of Repositories & their Data report (June 2019) and other outputs, and held a sprint session in December 2021.</p>	
Semantic interoperability; open linked data	Facilitate the exchange of expertise on enhancing scholarly data and related services	<p>- Theme of a LIBER annual conference, or a LIBER workshop</p> <p>- Case examples of libraries implementing LOD</p> <p>- Pilot projects (EC) to study semantic interoperability of research infrastructures</p>	The LOD WG has published its report on best practices for library LOD publication in March 2021. It is currently updating its recommendations based on a consultation (with support of the LIBER Office).	
Semantic interoperability; open linked data	Facilitate the exchange of expertise on enhancing scholarly data and related services	<p>- Theme of a LIBER annual conference, or a LIBER workshop</p> <p>- Case examples of libraries implementing LOD</p> <p>- Pilot projects (EC) to study semantic interoperability of research infrastructures</p>	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	- 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	expertise on enhancing 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 continues to promote its recommendations to libraries, publishers and other stakeholders. In particular, a series of conversations was held with Elsevier and conclusions were summarized via a blog post (see above).</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 continues 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 (the project ended in April 2022).	
Disciplinary partnership	Facilitate engagement with e-infra	- LIBER provides guidance for libraries for engagement (through website, or fact sheet)	Projects: see above.	