

Memorandum of Understanding between LIBER (Ligue des Bibliothèques Européennes de Recherche) and SciStarter

Preamble

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.

SciStarter helps bring together the millions of citizen scientists in the world; the thousands of potential projects offered by researchers, organizations, and companies; and the resources, products, and services that enable citizens to pursue and enjoy these activities. Scistarter aims to:

- Enable and encourage people to learn about, participate in, and contribute to science through both informal recreational activities and formal research efforts;
- Inspire greater appreciation and promote a better understanding of science and technology among the general public;
- Create a shared space where scientists can talk with citizens interested in working on or learning about their research projects;
- Satisfy the popular urge to tinker, build, and explore by making it simple and fun for people – singles, parents, grandparents, kids – to jump in and get their hands dirty with science.

Vision

LIBER and SciStarter will work together to:

- Develop, promote, or facilitate citizen science-related support services at research libraries in Europe and North America;
- Collaborate on an EU-centered guide for librarians based on the US-version titled "The Library and Community Guide to Citizen Science";
- Cohost a series of public and professional online events and professional development webinars to connect communities on both continents.

Governance

- The partnership will be overseen by the Boards of both LIBER and SciStarter;
- The agreement will be implemented by a joint Working Group of the LIBER Citizen Science Working Group (or any other following format of experts grouping) and from SciStarter.

Resources

- Each organization will cover their own costs that occur during this partnership;
- Where possible, external funding will be sought to increase the ability of the partners to produce tangible outputs for research libraries in the Citizen Science landscape.

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

- Addenda can be added to this Memorandum of Understanding.
- A separate, detailed appendix will be signed by the LIBER Citizen Science Working Group (or any other following format of experts grouping) and SciStarter for each joint activity or project.

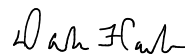
This Memorandum of Understanding was approved by both the LIBER and Scistarter Executive Boards.

Signed on behalf of LIBER:



date: 11.1.2022
Jeannette Frey

Signed on behalf of ECSA:



date: 1/19/2022
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