LIBERs New Strategic Directions
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About LIBER
We’re Europe’s largest research library network.

400+ libraries

University, national and special libraries.
LIBER Libraries across Europe.
LIBER Team
13 Board Members
3 Special Advisors
10 Office Staff
100+ Volunteers
Serving on Steering Committees & Working Groups
Together we help libraries support world-class research.

- Collaborative
- Cross border
- Cross discipline
- Increasingly data intensive
- Open
Research Libraries Powering Sustainable Knowledge in the Digital Age

LIBER Europe Strategy 2018-2022
Vision:
The research landscape in 2022
Open Access is the main form of publishing.
Research Data is Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable (FAIR).
Digital Skills underpin a more open and transparent research life cycle.
Research Infrastructure is participatory, tailored and scaled to the needs of the diverse disciplines.
Tomorrow’s cultural heritage is built on today’s digital information.
Libraries as a Platform for
INNOVATIVE SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION

Working Groups & Projects

• Copyright & Legal Matters
• Open Access
• Innovative Metrics
2 Libraries as a Hub for DIGITAL SKILLS AND SERVICES

Working Groups & Projects

• Digital Humanities & Digital Cultural Heritage
• Leadership
3 Libraries as Partners in RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE

Working Groups & Projects

- Architecture Forum
- Research Data Management
Metrics

Open Access.

Digital Humanities

Leadership programme

Digital skills of library staff, members and researchers

Service portfolio transformation

Copyright and legal matters

Citizen Science

Innovative peer-review

Information ethics

Research data management

Text & Data Mining

Shared services & cloud services

Linked Open Data

Architecture Forum

Digital Cultural Heritage Forum

Innovative Scholarly Communication

Research Libraries 2022

Research Infrastructures

Digital Skills and Services

Copyright and legal matters
New challenges, new working groups

Digital skills of staff and researchers

• Define the new services needed for students and researchers
• Define new skills needed to provide these services
• Assessment and evaluation of success of new services
• Define which old services could be disengaged
New challenges, new working groups

Service portfolio transformation

- Changing the service development philosophy
- Foster service development philosophy
- Based on user-centred design
- Share best practices on agile development and user engagement
New challenges, new working groups

Innovative peer-review

- Investigate the landscape and the role of libraries
- Analyse options: Open peer review, cascade review, portable peer-review...
New challenges, new working groups

Citizen Science

- Stimulating citizen science through outreach
- Development of services.
Information ethics:

Libraries need to **engage in and advocate for** development of information ethics in the interests of the research community.
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Text & Data Mining

• Develop best practice in supporting TDM e.g. licencing, tools, data storage, visualisation
• Cooperate with research infrastructures which enable your researchers to perform TDM
• Collect TDM methods
• Create educational programs for researchers about TDM
New challenges, new working groups

Linked Open Data

- Semantic interoperability; open and linked data:
- Map the initiatives
- Share best practices
Join A Group

All staff in LIBER libraries are welcome.

- Learn from others
- Share your professional knowledge
- Work together for a stronger voice
“My field is Research Data Management, where everybody is trying to find the right way but we’re not aware of what other people are actually doing.

All universities and libraries have to talk to researchers and learn more about the same issues. This is something that LIBER can help with and we can profit from.”

-Mijke Jetten, Research Data Management Working Group Member
Activities
International Projects

30 LIBER Libraries are active in projects in which LIBER also participates.

Project participation makes LIBER and our libraries more visible at a European and international level on important topics such as Copyright, TDM and Open Access.
Advocacy

Speaking up for libraries in Brussels: Copyright, Open Access, RDM, Infrastructure.
We Bring Library Issues To MEPs
We Sit On The EC’s Open Science Policy Platform
Leadership & Skills Building

Workshops, Training Programmes, Conferences
Annual Conference

Europe’s biggest gathering of research library professionals.
Leadership Seminars
For aspiring and current library directors.
“I built myself a **European network**, with the other participants and through the **mentorship experience**.

The Leadership Seminar is a process where you confront to your feelings, have to reveal yourself, **trust in each other**. It’s a strong feeling.”

-Live Rasmussen, Head of Science Library, University of Oslo, Norway
Policy Development

Sharing best practices to help everyone working within the research library profession.
“LIBER is offering a lot of services which create an orientation for those institutions that need it. **LIBER is like a star** we look at: if we need some light, then we can ask them.”

- Paolo Budroni, Vienna University Library
International Alignment & Coordination

These are just some of the organisations with which we work.
LIBER: Europe’s Biggest Research Library Network


Just €495/year
Thank you!

QUESTIONS?

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