Establishing the library landscape in Europe: LIBER's portfolio of EU projects

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LIBER's Strategy

❑ Objectives of the LIBER Foundation are:

  ❑ Efficient Information Services

  ❑ Access to research information, in any form whatsoever

  ❑ Innovation in end-user services provided by research libraries; in support of teaching, learning and research

  ❑ Preservation of cultural heritage

  ❑ Efficient and effective management in research libraries

    ❑Strategy available at http://www.libereurope.eu/about

LIBER's Strategy

❑ Mechanisms for delivering these objectives in the Strategy

❑ Steering Committees

  ❑ Scholarly Communication

  ❑ Digitisation and Resource Discovery

  ❑ Heritage Collections and Preservation

  ❑ Organisation and Human Resources

  ❑ LIBER Services

LIBER's Strategy

❑ **EU-funded projects**

    ❑ LIBER's Strategy makes clear:

    ❑ [LIBER] plays a role as initiator and co-ordinator of strategic and innovative European projects. When projects come to an end, LIBER also plays a role in the conversion of projects into sustainable services

    ❑ Each Steering Committee will be expected to bid for funding for one European project supported by EU funding

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LIBER's portfolio of EU projects

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❑ APARSEN (Digital Preservation Best Practice Network)

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❑ MedOANet

Europeana Travel

**National Library
of Latvia**

❑ See http://www.europeanatravel.eu/

❑ LIBER project ran between 2009 -2011

❑ 19 partners, led by the National Library of Estonia

   ❑ See an article on Europeana Travel at
      http://liber.library.uu.nl/publish/issues/2009-2/index.html?000469

❑ €1,000,000 project, funded by EU

❑ Aim was to digitise over 1,000,000 units of content on the themes of Travel, Tourism and Exploration and to make these materials available via the Europeana portal at http://www.europeana.eu/

❑ Travelling through history – an online exhibition at
   http://www.theeuropeanlibrary.org/exhibition-travel-history/

Content	Output Units
Images	33,300
Pages	193,650
Maps	5,857
Books	15,879
Documents	18,300
Glass Plates	3,733
Film Negatives	25,000
Photographic Objects	11,600
Journal Pages	155,000
Shellacs	30
Postcards	180,000
Manuscripts / Graphic sheets	604

Europeana Travel

❑ Fantastic content …but project was only 50% funded by the Commission

❑ European Research Libraries do not have digitisation as a budget heading in their operational budgets

❑ Only material out of copyright could be included because rights clearance too complex

❑ No centralised arrangements for the digital preservation of content

National & University Library of Slovenia

ODE (Opportunities for Data Exchange)

❑ Funded under the 7th Framework Programme: Coordination actions, conferences and studies supporting policy development, including international cooperation, for e-Infrastructures

❑ Led by Cern in Geneva on behalf of the Alliance for Permanent Access

❑ 9 partners

❑ Aim is to identify Best Practice in sharing, re-using, citing and preserving research data

❑ See http://www.ode-project.eu/

ODE (Opportunities for Data Exchange)

❑ Identification of success stories, near-misses, and honourable failures in data sharing in a few selected disciplines

❑ Analysis of the interplay between scholarly communication today and data

   ❑ Who is paying attention to this new force to be reckoned with among publishers? And libraries? And what is the interplay?

❑ Report being prepared, which will be presented at a Workshop during the LIBER annual conference in Barcelona

❑ Survey to LIBER members will follow in the Autumn

❑ After the survey and publication of the report, next stage is to look at libraries' roles in data exchange

APARSEN

❑ 30 partners, led by STFC (Science and Technology Facilities Council, UK)

❑ See http://www.alliancepermanentaccess.org/current-projects/aparsen

❑ These stakeholders have come together to create a shared vision and framework for a sustainable digital information infrastructure providing permanent access to digitally encoded information

APARSEN

Blue Ribbon Task Force
on Sustainable Digital Preservation and Access

❑ LIBER will take recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Economically-Sustainable Digital Preservation in

    ❑ Scholarly Discourse

    ❑ Research Data

    ❑ Commercially-owned Cultural Content

    ❑ Collectively-produced Web Content

❑ LIBER will then survey the level of preparation in each stakeholder community for Digital Preservation

Europeana Libraries

❑ Aims of the project are:
  ❑ To bring together, as a pilot, research library content from 19 content providers in Europe via the Europeana portal

❑ See https://version1.europeana.eu/web/europeana-libraries/home/-/blogs/new-project-officer-for-liber-and-europeana-libraries

❑ First project with full-text fully searchable within Europeana

❑ Large scale ingest tool to be created

❑ Service which will be scaleable to all LIBER members

Europeana Libraries

Pages	Images	Books/Theses
3,319,045	848,078	598,130

Film/Video clips	Mixed content	Articles
1,200	34,000	368,000

Total content to be Ingested
5,168,453 units of material
(pages/ images/ books+theses/ AV clips/ articles)

Europeana Libraries

❑ Open Access content well represented
  ❑ All Open Access research theses in DART-Europe
    ❑ http://www.dart-europe.eu
  ❑ All articles indexed in the Directory of Open Access Journals
    ❑ http://www.doaj.org
❑ Benefits
  ❑ Researchers, teachers and learners have to look in just one place
  ❑ Full-text will be indexed in Europeana
  ❑ Scaleable solution which can be available to ALL European research libraries

MedOANet

- ❑ 9 Partners, led by the National Documentation Centre (EKT/NHRF) in Greece

- ❑ MedOANet will identify and map existing strategies, structures and policies of Open Access in six countries of the Mediterranean area (Greece, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal and Turkey) into an online 'Mediterranean Open Access Tracker'

- ❑ it will systematically engage key policy stakeholders with the ability to affect change (officials involved in research funding, university and research center associations, university and research center administration, library associations, libraries, researchers)

MedOANet

- ❑ Project will produce guidelines for Open Access policies
- ❑ Coordination will be achieved through the formation of National Task Forces, the organization of national workshops, a European workshop and a European conference, as well as targeted networking
- ❑ Common to the Mediterranean countries involved in the project is a significant improvement in the uptake of Open Access, most notably facilitated by the development of infrastructures that support it
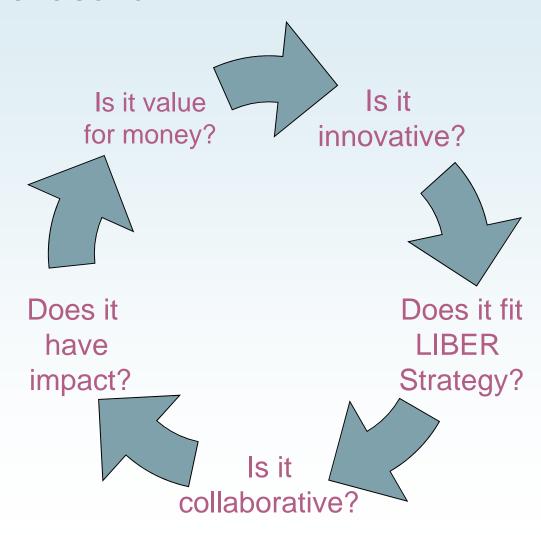
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LIBER Scorecard

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❑ Is it innovative?

    ❑ KPI: Commission notes high level of innovation in granting Project funding

    ❑ Example: LIBER's role in APARSEN project

❑ Does it fit LIBER Strategy?

    ❑ KPI: High level of fit with LIBER's Strategic Plan

    ❑ Example: Europeana Travel and its funding of digitised images for Europeana

LIBER Scorecard

❑ Is it collaborative?
  ❑ KPI: Project has LIBER partners as members
  ❑ Example: Europeana Libraries

❑ Does it have impact?
  ❑ KPI (1): Are outputs taken up by other organisations?
  ❑ KPI (2): Is there strong academic feedback on outputs
  ❑ Examples: (1) MedOANet (2) Europeana Travel

LIBER Scorecard

❑ Is it value for money?

   ❑ KPI: Comparison of value of outputs and cost of inputs

   ❑ Example: Europeana Libraries and its full-text aggregator and indexing of full-text content for, potentially, all European research libraries

Conclusion (1)

❑ LIBER has robust practice of EU project bidding

❑ Each Steering Committee has objective to bid for 1 European project

❑ Projects cover range of LIBER's strategic interests

  ❑ From digitisation of content, to resource discovery and Scholarly Communication

Conclusion (2)

- ❏ Projects add value to LIBER members by allowing them to gain EU funding
- ❏ Projects build partnerships within the LIBER membership by allowing collaborative working
- ❏ New skills and competencies become embedded as part of project working
- ❏ Significant monies being expended on developing information infrastructure for European researchers

And finally…

❑ Thanks for listening

❑ Happy to answer questions