EUROPE’S RESEARCH LIBRARY NETWORK

Founded in 1971
Research libraries working together for nearly 50 years

440 Libraries
National and university libraries, plus special libraries, consortia and individuals

40 Countries
One third of LIBER libraries are located in southern and eastern Europe
Together with its libraries and partners, LIBER aims to enable world-class research.
WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH IS:

Collaborative
International
Cross-discipline
Increasingly data intensive
Open
WHY IS LIBER HERE TODAY?

LIBER can support the transition to Open Science:

○ What is the role of academic libraries in supporting the transition to Open Science?
○ Is there indeed a role for libraries at all?
STRATEGY & ORGANISATION
POWERING SUSTAINABLE KNOWLEDGE IN THE DIGITAL AGE
VISION: THE 2022 RESEARCH LANDSCAPE

Open Access
The main form of publishing

Research Data
Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable (FAIR)

Digital Skills
Underpinning a more open, transparent research life cycle

Research Infrastructure
Participatory, tailored and scaled to the needs of diverse disciplines

Cultural Heritage
Tomorrow’s cultural heritage built on today’s digital information
HOW LIBER IS ORGANISED
JOIN A WORKING GROUP

Broaden your network.
Share knowledge.

Everyone working in a LIBER library is welcome!
EVENTS & ACTIVITIES
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Networking and learning with 400+ research library professionals. Keynote Speakers. Workshops. Social Events.

2019 Dublin, Ireland (26-28 June)
2020 Belgrade, Serbia

www.liberconference.eu
LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

Equipping librarians to deal with new challenges through strong and effective leadership.

Two programmes: for rising stars and current directors.
Raising the **profile** of research libraries in Europe and globally.

Ensuring the **values** and **needs** of research libraries are taken into account.

Aligning with, and contributing to, **LIBER’s Strategy**.
ADVOCACY

Serving on the European Commission’s Open Science Policy Platform
Responding to proposed legislation
Presenting the library view to politicians and other stakeholders
RESOURCES & GUIDANCE

Alerting our network to top trends and issues through reports, factsheets and other resources.

www.libereurope.eu/resources
OPEN SCIENCE ROADMAP

**Translates** Open Science Policy Platform (OSPP) advice for libraries.

**Adds suggestions** drawn from the experiences of LIBER institutions.

**Over 1000 downloads!**

[https://zenodo.org/record/1303002](https://zenodo.org/record/1303002)
Embracing Open Science is critical if we are to make science more collaborative, reproducible, transparent and impactful.
TOPICS

• Scholarly Publishing
• FAIR Data
• Research Infrastructure & the EOSC
• Metrics & Rewards
• Open Science Skills
• Research Integrity
• Citizen Science
National Library of Finland

Helsinki, Finland – nationallibrary.hn

Finland wants to be one of the leading countries in openness of science and research. As the National Library, we want to contribute to that aim.

Our strategy focuses on digital and open services, and on developing digital research environments. This forms a good foundation from which to advocate for and implement Open Science services. We believe openness builds trust, boosts collaboration and enables integration of platforms, services and people.

Much of our work revolves around the development of services for researchers, especially in the humanities and social sciences fields. Digital Humanities is a key focus for us and we have carried out several projects in this area, together with researchers. These have increased our knowledge regarding the needs of researchers as well as what kind of skills are needed at the library.

The National Library of Finland is also a national service provider for higher education institutions and other public sector organisations. We have integrated openness into the services we provide and develop. These include national licensing metadata, persistent identifiers, development of standards and ontologies for an important basis for FAIR Data and Open Science services as a whole. In addition to FAIR, sustainability is also crucial. Metadata plays an important role in long term preservation. Our library has been a key player in developing services, practices and providing training in this field.

Open services and platforms provide a good basis for further development. Implementing machine learning and artificial intelligence into the services to develop automated processes, automated indexing and intelligent search possibilities are currently on our agenda.

The possibilities to get involved with Open Science are endless and every library can contribute to its development. A good way to get started is by sharing case studies and best practices with colleagues. At our library, a key step was to hold brainstorming sessions with colleagues from different professional backgrounds. Some are experts in collections or digital humanities, others in metadata or IT issues.

Be patient as you develop new services. Openness is about culture change which always takes time. Before we could open the metadata (CCO) of our catalogues, for example, we had to discuss extensively with the memory organisations in the country and with vendors. This took a couple of years. Openness can also mean loss in income. A clear strategy or policy helps to overcome the barriers.

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LOOKING FORWARD..

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