Projects Report

November 2020 – March 2021

Introduction

This document serves as a summary of LIBER's project related activities for the period November 2020 – March 2021. A few highlights:

- The **SSHOC project** delivered its 2nd Annual activity and progress report in January 2021. The 5th Consortium Meeting took place online on March 23rd and 24th 2021.
- **re-Creating Europe's survey** on the impact of copyright law and open policies in relation to digitisation in the GLAM sector is now closed and the results are being analyzed. Two Project Management Board and General Assembly meetings have taken place.
- The **ORE** survey results have been presented to the ORE project management and comms teams, as well as in the first LIBER-ORE webinar, targeting the LIBER executive Board and Open Access Working Group.
- The **INOS project** had its 3rd Plenary meeting in February 2021. The 1st vision-building workshop "Citizen & Open Science in Higher Education: Co-creating a Shared Vision" has been delivered in March 2021 and the 2nd vision-building workshop "Shakers & Makers: key stakeholders in Open Science & Citizen Science"is planned for April 15th 14.00-16.00CET.
- The **EOSC co-creation** workshops, a collaboration between LIBER and SKS have been successfully delivered between January 18th and January 27th 2021.
- The **ELE** project proposal was accepted for funding, the contract has been signed and its kick-off meeting took place in January 2021.
- The **MES-CobraD project** proposal was accepted for funding and the grant agreement has been signed in January 2021. The expected start date is April 1st 2021.
- The Arcadia proposal was preliminary accepted and is under discussion.
- The **Projects Database** survey closed on December 18th 2020. A report on preliminary results has been delivered to the LIBER Executive Board.
- **The EOSC Skills and Training Working Group** resumed its work in December 2020. LIBER provided contribution in its Report through the participation in the working group, as well as via 7 interviews provided by LIBER participants. The overall report of the working group is available here.

Ongoing projects

Acronym	Title	Start date	End date
SSHOC	Social Sciences and Humanities Open Cloud	01.01.2019	30.04.2022
INOS	Integrating Open and Citizen Science into active learning approaches in Higher Education	01.09.2019	31.08.2022
reCreating Europe	Rethinking digital copyright law for a culturally diverse, accessible, creative Europe	01.01.2019	31.12.2022
ORE	Open Research Platform	04.09.2020	03.09.2024
EOSC Workshops	EOSC Secretariat co-creation calls	01.07.2020	31.03.2021
ELE	European Language Equality	01.01.2021	28.02.2022
MES- CobraD	Multidisciplinary Expert System for the Assessment & Management of Complex Brain Disorders	01.04.2021	31.03.2024

Summary of current projects resources

Project	Resources	Online presence
SSHOC	WP1 Project management & Administration deliverables and milestones WP2 Communication, Dissemination, and Impact deliverables and milestones WP3 Lifting Technologies and Services into the SSH Cloud deliverables and milestones WP4 Innovations in Data production deliverables and milestones WP5 Innovations in Data Access deliverables and milestones WP6 Fostering Communities, Empowering Users, & Building Expertise deliverables and milestones	Subscribe to newsletter Website LinkedIn page YouTube Twitter Zenodo SSHOC page on LIBER website Training page Training events SSH Training Discovery Toolkit SSH Training Community Awareness raising events Past events

	WP7 Creating the SSH Marketplace deliverables and milestones WP8: Governance/Sustainability/Quality Assurance deliverables and milestones WP9 Data Communities deliverables and milestones	
INOS	List of results Academia permeating society through Citizen Science: Use cases of engagement in Higher Education Typology matrix Academia permeating society through Citizen Science: Recommendations for Higher Education Institutions Infographics (full version); Subset *Adjust* (online version); Subset *Adjust* (print version); Subset *Open Up* (online version); Subset *Open Up* (print version); Subset *Co-create* (online version); Subset *Co-create* (print version). State-of-the-art analysis of the pedagogical underpinnings of open science, citizen science and open innovation activities A roadmap on consolidating the knowledge base on learning in OS A learning design framework for improving the learning potential of OS activities by means of active learning approaches Guidelines on designing, implementing and evaluating open knowledge activities Guidelines on designing, implementing and evaluating open innovation activities	Subscribe to newsletter Website Twitter account Facebook page Zenodo YouTube INOS page on LIBER website
reCreating Europe	D2.1 Interim report on EU and national sources and private practices on legitimate uses and flexibilities D5.2 Report on the existing legal framework for Libraries and Archives (LA) industries in EU	Subscribe to newsletter Website Facebook Twitter YouTube LinkedIn Zenodo reCreating Europe page on LIBER website

ORE	Article guidelines	ORE splash page Submission page ORE page on LIBER website
EOSC Workshops	**Workshop 1** – 18th of January 2021 – Research Libraries, Researchers & the EOSC: Southern European Landscape **Workshop 2** – 20th of January 2021 – Research Libraries, Researchers & the EOSC: Central/Eastern European Landscape **Workshop 3** – 22nd of January 2021 – Research Libraries, Researchers & the EOSC: Northern European Landscape **Workshop 4** – 25th of January 2021 – Research Libraries, Researchers & the EOSC: Multidisciplinary Universities **Workshop 5** – 27th of January 2021 – Research Libraries, Researchers & the EOSC: Technical Universities *Reports to be available soon	
ELE		ELE page on LIBER website

SSHOC

The project builds and enhances a coordinated cluster of the Social Science and Humanities European Research Infrastructure Consortia (ERICs) in the context of EOSC. LIBER is leading the WP on *Fostering Communities, Empowering Users, & Building Expertise*.

LIBER is participating in the following work packages:

WP1 – Project management: LIBER participates in the regular PMB and 1Tier calls, also contributing to important strategic decisions of the project. In the requested period, LIBER also contributed to the 2nd Annual progress and activity report, coordinating the WP6 input and providing data for the financial reporting.

WP2 - Communication, Dissemination, and Impact: LIBER collaborates on a regular basis by participating in the WP, but also on a higher level between WP2 and WP6, having shared activities (e.g. engaging end users and stakeholder series events).

WP3 - Lifting Technologies and Services into the SSH Cloud: LIBER is contributing to deliverables under the task 3.4 "Making data findable by being citable" and relevant events. Some recent examples are ongoing work on updating the project's recommendations SSH citation practices and the co-organisation of the session "FAIR Data Citation for Social Sciences and Humanities". In the process of establishing regular interaction between libraries and the SSHOC services, LIBER also participates in activities of the task 3.6 "Making data re-usable and actionable", assisting in the branding and marketing of SSHOC services and creating links for further engagement. In the context of T3.6 LIBER is leading the work on the upcoming Factsheets on the Virtual Collection Registry and Switchboard.

WP6 - Fostering Communities, Empowering Users, & Building Expertise: WP6 is responsible for delivering a wide range of activities in the duration of the project. Most of the activities that would happen in 2020 have already been scheduled, but greatly affected by the COVID-19 crisis, however engagement and training activities are still being delivered online. LIBER is in close contact with the project coordinator and WP6 partners for possible amendments needed.

The 3,5 day event "Realising the European Open Science Cloud" was delivered in November 2020 under WP6 and WP2, in collaboration with EOSChub and FREYA, fostering synergies not only between the three projects, but also with cluster projects and other communities. The event brought together almost 700 visitors to 30 sessions and 30 virtual exhibition booths. A session on citizen science was coorganised in collaboration with the LIBER WG on Citizen Science on Citizen Science: what it means for SSH and how can multidisciplinarity be achieved?.

Three awareness raising activities took place in the requested period: Workshop on Vocabulary platforms (06.11.2020); Webinar: Best practices for preserving oral archives (24.02.2021); Stakeholder Workshop on SSH Code of Conduct (17.03.2021). Information on upcoming SSHOC awareness raising events can be found here.

In terms of building expertise and empowering the community, training events and related reports can be found here. The SSH Training Discovery toolkit can be accessed here. If you would like to join the SSH Training Community and its monthly meetings, please follow this link. A Train-the-Trainer Bootcamp on RDM took place during the Love Data Week 2021 on the 8th - 10th February 2021. The Bootcamp was coorganised by SSHOC (LIBER and DANS) and DARIAH. A second Bootcamp for 2021 is being planned to take place at the IASSIST Conference. Further work is related to curating the Toolkit's materials and adding new resources, alignment of data models and metadata requirements, towards the integration of the Toolkit into the SSH Open Marketplace.

Overall opportunities for further activities in 2021 and mitigation plans are currently being explored and organised internally with WP6 being on the lead and closely collaborating with CESSDA, DARIAH, DANS and CLARIN. A SSHOC – CLARIN targeted training workshop and a SSHOC – LIBER Working Group on Citizen Science engagement workshop will take place during the LIBER2021 Conference.

Input for the 2nd Annual progress and activity report has been submitted in January 2021 and the 5th Consortium meeting took place in March 2021.

A dedicated SSHOC page was created on the LIBER website, where more information and updates about the project can be found. Please make sure you subscribe to the SSHOC newsletter.

INOS

This project is addressing Erasmus+ KA2 strategic partnerships and aiming to modernise Higher Education Institutions curricula and skills through civic engagement in open and citizen science. Two LIBER members are involved as members of the advisory board (Scientific Knowledge services and University Library of Southern Denmark). Tallinn University and Oulu University, whose libraries are LIBER members, are partners of the project. LIBER participates with activities targeting libraries and actively involving them in the discussion of curricula and skills modernization. We are leading dissemination activities, host a multiplier event, and lead an output on engaging, raising awareness and fostering policy change. Furthermore, we are responsible for 4 interactive workshops for library staff and students, in order to co-create learning material that could potentially be included in their curricula, as well as provide training and information on Open and Citizen Science. Through this project we have the opportunity to collaborate with the LIBER Citizen Science Working Group.

LIBER is at the moment working on the following activities:

IO3 - Encouraging a collaborative effort between citizens together with HE staff and students: In the requested period the first LIBER Open Knowledge Activity took place, involving two LIBER participant libraries: **University of Library Studies and Information Technologies in Sofia, Bulgaria** and **Belgrade University, University library "Svetozar Markovic",** with the support of **Thomas Kaarsted (LIBER CitSci WG)** and **Benjamin White (LIBER Copyright WG)**. At the moment, planning of the three remaining OKAs is taking place, where further LIBER participants are expected to be involved.

Past activity worth mentioning: A Learning Train the Training Activity took place online and **4 LIBER participant staff members provided training to INOS project partners: Open Science Implementation – the Dos and Don'ts, by José Carvalho, Open Access Projects, Universidade do Minho and Colleen Campbell, Open Access 2020 Initiative, and Research Data Management and FAIR Data by Dr Birgit Schmidt, Knowledge Commons unit, Göttingen State and University Library and Dr Heather Andrews, Data Steward, TU Delft.** Info from the LTTAs is available here and here.

IO4 - Encouraging collaboration and multidisciplinary approaches between students and HE staff: LIBER has a consulting role.

IO6 – Policy change: This Intellectual Output is led by LIBER and started in February 2021. So far the 1st vision-building workshop "Citizen & Open Science in Higher Education: Co-creating a Shared Vision" has been delivered in March 2021 and the 2nd vision-building workshop "Shakers & Makers: key stakeholders in Open Science & Citizen Science"is planned for April 15th 14.00-16.00CET.

The 3rd plenary meeting took place in February 2021. An INOS poster will be presented at the LIBER2021 Conference.

A [dedicated INOS page](#) was created on the LIBER website, where more information and updates about the project can be found. Please make sure you subscribe to the INOS [newsletter](#).

reCreating Europe

This project addresses DT-GOVERNANCE-13-2019: "Digitisation, Digital Single Market and European culture: new challenges for creativity, intellectual property rights and copyright". The consortium brings together universities, IPR and cultural heritage/art/creative industry experts, researchers, lawyers and economists from around Europe, including Maynooth University Ireland, University of Glasgow, Amsterdam University, University of Tartu, Estonia, whose libraries are LIBER members.

WP5 - G.L.A.M.: LIBER participates in WP5 - G.L.A.M. activities focusing on Libraries and Archives and analyzing conducts with regard to (i) legal compliance (eg. if they are aligned with legal restrictions on digitisation by seeking authorization from rights holders when such authorization is required) and compliance with policies and standards for Openness; (ii) implementation of technological measures; (iii) adoption of social norms and common practices, particularly if in conflict with formal legal norms and more aligned to Open Knowledge principles; (iv) access to content by people with disabilities (also building on data collected by other WPs). The WP5 survey on the impact of copyright law and open policies in relation to digitisation in the GLAM sector was closed in February 2021 and results are currently analyzed.

WP7 - Dissemination, Engagement & Outreach: LIBER is leading the WP7 dissemination, engagement, outreach and training activities. In the requested period, following the "Engagement and Outreach Strategy", LIBER delivered the project's "Building Expertise Framework" in December 2020, including a provision for the upcoming Training Toolkit. Both documents provide the framework, KPIs and initial planning of the projects engagement, outreach and training activities per Stakeholder Category. In the requested period LIBER has also been working on the 2nd iteration of the project's website, and towards intensifying dissemination and engagement activities.

Linking to the LIBER strategy, the library community will be further targeted in the engagement activities and the validation process and aim to involve our members as much as possible in the activities of the project.

At the moment the WP7 activities are affected by the pandemic: events are either postponed or delivered online. Several deliverables are also postponed; hence less content is available for promotion. We are currently working on tackling the situation to be able to approach the set KPIs.

A 6month extension of the 1st reporting period was granted to the project, due to delays because of the pandemic. This will not affect the overall duration of the project for the time being.

A recreating Europe poster will be presented at the LIBER2021 Conference.

A [dedicated ReCreating Europe page](#) was created on the LIBER website, where more information and updates about the project can be found. Please make sure you subscribe to the reCreating Europe [newsletter](#).

ORE

LIBER participates in strategic decisions, sustainability activities and communication & engagement activities. Work is ongoing in terms of Project Management and Communications, while Sustainability activities have just started in January 2021. LIBER, in the context of ORE has circulated a [survey](#) targeting libraries. The preliminary results were presented in the ORE Project management and Communications

meetings, as well as in the first ORE-LIBER webinar, which took place in December 2020, targeting the LIBER EB and the LIBER OA WG. The ORE platform was launched, together with Article guidelines. Following the initiative of the Library & Information Center, University of Patras to start translating the guidelines in Greek, further opportunities for translations in other languages will be explored in the coming period.

A dedicated ORE page was created on the LIBER website, where more information and updates about the project can be found.

EOSC Workshops

LIBER and Scientific Knowledge Services (SKS) together with TU Wien collaborated in preparing a proposal for workshops to request funding of the EOSC Secretariat co-creation calls. The proposal "Research Libraries, Researchers and the EOSC - How do they interact?" has been accepted. Modifications have been made to consider COVID-19 implications.

LIBER and Scientific Knowledge Services planned, designed and co-organised a series of online workshops in the period of 18th – 27th January 2021, bringing together EOSC Stakeholder groups that represent end-users and intermediaries/trainers, research/academic libraries and researchers. The reports of the projects are expected in the coming period.

MES-CoBraD

The project proposal was accepted for funding. The grant agreement has been signed in January 2021 and the start date will be April 1st 2021. The Multidisciplinary Expert System for the Assessment & Management of Complex Brain Disorders (MES-CoBraD) is an interdisciplinary project combining Real-World Data (RWD) from multiple clinical and consumer sources through comprehensive, cost-efficient, and fast protocols towards improving diagnostic accuracy and therapeutic outcomes in people with Complex Brain Disorders (CoBraD), as reflected in Neurocognitive (Dementia), Sleep, and Seizure (Epilepsy) disorders and their interdependence. It combines clinical information and scientific research in CoBraD with technical innovation in secure data-sharing platforms, artificial intelligence algorithms, expert systems of precision and personalized care, and advanced data analytics, with a primary focus on improving the quality of life of patients, their caregivers, and the society at large. It leverages RWD from diverse CoBraD populations across cultural, socioeconomic, educational, and health system backgrounds, with special attention on including vulnerable populations and minorities in an equitable manner and engaging key stakeholders to maximize project impact.

LIBER participates in activities related to legal and ethical frameworks, landscape analysis and methodology, pilot RDW acquisition, and raising awareness, dissemination and communication. LIBER will be leading stakeholder engagement activities and opportunity-based dissemination activities, while its overall role will focus on libraries in the lifecycle of RWD and their role in the creation and uptake of proposed solutions related to data management. Organisations participating in this call, whose libraries are LIBER participants, are Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium); Uppsala University (Sweden); King's College London (UK); University of Edinburgh (UK).

PAST PROJECTS

No projects closed in the requested period.

Inter-project activities

- Participation in the [Community of Practice for training coordinators and managers](#), led by OpenAIRE. Main contact on behalf of LIBER is Tanya Yankelevich.
- Jeannette Frey participated in the [EOSC Executive Board](#) as Observer.
- Vasso Kalaitzi participated in the EOSC Enhance Workshops on EOSC portal requirements validation.
- Vasso Kalaitzi participated in the [EOSC Skills and Training Working Group](#) and contributed to the working group's final report. In this context, 7 interviews with representatives of LIBER and LIBER participants took place. The interviewees were:
    a) Adam Sofronijevic - Deputy Director, University Library "SvetozarMarković", University of Belgrade;
    b) Asger Væring Larsen, Senior Consultant, University Library of Southern Denmark;
    c) Ashling Hayes, Head of Research Services, University of Limerick Library;
    d) Astrid Verheusen, Executive Director, LIBER;
    e) Giannis Tsakonas - Director in the Library & Information Center, University of Patras, Greece;
    f) Jeannette Frey, LIBER President, Director of Bibliothèque Cantonale et Universitaire (BCU) Lausanne;
    g) Julien Roche, LIBER Vice-President, Director of Libraries at University of Lille Madeleine Géroudet, University of Lille, Head of research and researcher support services department; Romain Feret, University of Lille, Head of the Open Science service Laurence Crohem, University of Lille, University Libraries, Research Support Department, in charge of the coordination of PhD training in scientific information, and of bibliometric and bibliographic approaches;

    The overall report of the working group is available [here](#).

PROJECTS DATABASE

The Projects Database survey was distributed to LIBER participants in the requested period and was closed on December 18th 2020. A report on preliminary results has been prepared for the current EB meeting. The next steps include:

- Further analysis of results;
- Creation of the first Projects Database;
- Optimization of procedure and survey for gathering future information, in order to update the Projects Database once per year;
- Optimization of project acquisition and selection;
- Identification of future project opportunities, partnerships and involvement of LIBER participants whenever possible