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Research Libraries -
Access, development, transformation

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Introduction to LIBER

- Over 400 European research libraries
  (national, university, and research institution libraries)
- Across 40 countries

Mission: *"to create an information infrastructure to enable research in LIBER institutions to be world class"*

LIBER Strategy

"*LIBER is Re-inventing the Library for the Future*"

- Liber strategy 2013-2017
  - Developing Leadership in Changing Times
  - "Supporting the Case for Research Libraries"
    - The future of research and education
    - Interaction: Liber - research communities
  - **Enabling Open Science**
    - Open Access, research data management, open governance and methods
    - Copyright and TDM
  - "Fostering New Models for Libraries"
    - Educational materials and support

Liber Fostering Open Science

- Liber strategy 2013-2017
  - Scholarly Communication and Research Infrastructure (OA, RDM, metrics)
  - Reshaping the Library
    - Leadership programmes
  - Advocacy and Communication

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  - TDM and copyright
  - OA policy
  - Infrastructures supporting Open Science
- Eu-projects
- Partnerships

EU-projects

- EU-projects – OA, RDM, TDM
  - FOSTER
  - Pasteur4OA
  - ReCODE
  - OpenAire 2020
  - EUDAT 2020
  - OpenMinTed-infra
  - AARC
- 23 countries across Europe
- 396 Liber members participating in the projects

Liber and CENL

- Access to cultural heritage and research information
- Preservation
- Advocacy and lobbying
- Projects

- Europeana – Liber is represented at Europeana Foundation board

- Liber and IFLA have also agreed on collaboration (MoU)
  - Advocacy and lobbying

Liber and copyright reform

- TDM brings significant benefits for Open Science
  - Fostering innovation, collaboration and boosting the impact of open science
  - Creating new jobs
  - Improving equal access to information

- TDM also supports the aims of the EC in developing the Digital Single Market
  - Supporting free flow of digital goods (cloud services, big data)

- Liber is & has been advocating for a mandatory exception, which can not be over-ridden by contracts, for TDM
  - For those who have legal access
  - For publicly and privately funded research

Big Data can change the world!

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LIBER and TDM

- A lack of clarity around the legality of TDM especially in Europe – harmful for the science
- Licensing is an insufficient solution

- **In the Digital Age the right to read = the right to mine**

- [**The Hague Declaration**](#)

- On the 12th of August 2015 **199** organisations and 432 individuals have signed

Benefits of Content Mining

The potential benefits of content mining are vast and include:

- Addressing **grand challenges** such as climate change

- Improving population health, wealth and development

- Creating **new jobs** and employment

- Exponentially **increasing the speed and progress of science** through new insights and greater efficiency of research

- Increasing **transparency** of governments and their actions

- Fostering innovation and collaboration and boosting the impact of open science

- **Creating tools** for education and research

- Providing new and richer cultural insights

- Speeding economic and social development in all parts of the globe

Next steps– copyright reform

- [Digital Single Market Strategy](#) for Europe was published 6.5.2015
- The Strategy gives positive signals regarding the copyright reform – EC will give recommendations during 2015
- [Liber Statement on DSM](#)
- Lobbying activity continues during 2015 in collaboration with IFLA, CENL, EBLIDA, Liber

- We all need to continue lobbying and advocacy to make the copyright reform happen!

Thank You!

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