Collaboration of Catalan Universities

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The Consortium of Academic Libraries of Catalonia was active from 1996 to 2013.

It started building a collective library catalog, organizing the interlibrary loan and the digital library of Catalonia.
Providing support for researchers

In 2002 **TDX**, the server for doctoral theses, was launched. Last week, it reached 27,000 theses.

In 2005 **Recercat**, the server for grey literature, started to host documents. Now it is also harvesting university repositories and providing more than 110,000 accesses.

Launched in 2006, **RACO**, the portal of Catalan “open access” journals, hosts more than 450 journals.
Establishing a working group

In 2013 the academic libraries decided to establish a working group dedicated to their activities in supporting researchers:

- Scholarly Communication
- Open Access
- Reference Management Software
- Unique Identifiers for Researchers
In 2015 the working group decided to focus on research data management:

- Exploring needs from researchers, especially funded by the H2020 programme
- Training librarians on research data management
- Analysing best practices
- Building our own roadmap
Work done and to be done

Needs for researchers
- Survey addressed to EU funded projects. Results available at:
  
  http://hdl.handle.net/2072/268186 / https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.183129

Training:
- At CSUC level, inviting experts from other countries
- At university level, organising staff training courses
Work done and to be done

Support for Data Management Plans:
- Explanatory model for H2020 applications
  http://hdl.handle.net/2072/270395
- Best practices based on real DMP
- Adaptation of the DMP Online
  http://dmp.csuc.cat
Work done and to be done

Infrastructure for research data:
- Recommendations on where to publish research data
  http://hdl.handle.net/2072/284974
- Local adaptations in institutional repositories

- Creation of a Catalan repository for research data?
Work done and to be done

Research Data Management Policy:
- Commitment to establish a common policy in 2017
- Draft of the policy based on the LEARN model
- Adoption of policies in each Catalan research institution?
Lessons learned

Even universities have different working speeds it is important to be aligned

It is not easy to reach researchers

Libraries cannot work alone, must be part of a broader action group

There is a strong need of institutional commitment

Need to engage other research institutions
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