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# Origins of the current collaboration



Consorti de  
Serveis Universitaris  
de Catalunya

# Origins of the current collaboration

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

# Working with research data

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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