European libraries working with Open Access Books

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What can libraries do to foster the growth of OA to long-format research outputs such as books?
SURVEY: HOW DO YOU WORK WITH OA BOOKS TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE?

- Open survey aimed at LIBER participant organisations in May 2019
- 68 respondents, mostly LIBER participants (but open survey)
- Respondents had various roles in their library, some were OA-specific
15 SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

Based on breakdown of tasks from the Knowledge Exchange report related to funding, work practices and policies for OA books

Respondents were asked to:

• Indicate if any of the listed activities are being done or is planned.
• Indicate if the activities are relevant or not.
OPEN ACCESS BOOKS IN LIBRARIES: LET’S TAKE IT UP A LEVEL!

There are challenges, but we can take small steps...

RESULTS

- 83% distribute OA books via a repository
- 81% include OA books in Discovery Services or catalogues
- 60% contribute to Shared OA initiatives or services
- 40% publish OA books or plan to do so and 12% see this as a relevant activity
- 29% manage funding for OA books
- 24% provide library funding to OA books

CHALLENGES

- FUNDING: Not enough / No staff
- PRODUCTION: Tools / Skills
- STRATEGIES / POLICIES: Culture / Excluded

GOOD EXAMPLES of what’s being done:

- Advocacy: lunch & breakfast meetings to showcase Open Access support
- Including Open Access books in discovery services & catalogues
- University presses send metadata to DOAR, DOAB & Open & Base
- Collaboration between organisations to share experience and add scale

WISHLIST

Let’s get started on...

- Joint guidelines for metadata requirements
- Buy-in from University management
- Work with skills development (organisation & individuals)
- Mapping what kind of infrastructure libraries need
Suggested next steps:

• Get started with more standardized metadata
• Gaining momentum with stakeholders
• Developing staff skills
• Mapping infrastructure needs
THANKS!

Thoughts?

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

40% of the responding libraries publishes OA books or are planning to do it
– another 43% thought it was a relevant activity

82% distributes OA books via a repository

28% manages funding for OA books

25% provides library funding to OA books

82% include OA books in discovery services or catalogues

60% contribute to shared OA initiatives or services
RESULTS: CHALLENGES

**FUNDING**
- Not enough for BPC
- No funding to add staff

**PRODUCTION**
- Tools are needed
- Skills are needed

**STRATEGIES/POLICIES**
- Fostering Culture
- Books should be included
RESULTS: OPPORTUNITIES

**FUNDING**
- Reallocate
- Work with what we got

**PRODUCTION**
- Creating workflows
- Outsourcing services

**STRATEGIES/POLICIES**
- Showing support
- Use for advocacy