OER Librarians supporting open education in Europe
Part A:
OER Librarians in the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Denmark and Germany

Part B:
What OER Librarians in Europe can do
United Kingdom, University College London

• National policies, guidelines and collaboration
  – No national policy as such – widening participation and engagement
  – Some funder-sponsored activity
  – Activity localised

• OER Support at Library of University College London
  – Institutional commitment to openness
  – Connected Curriculum – research-based teaching
  – UCL Open Science Platform
  – UCL OE repository project
THE NETHERLANDS, VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT AMSTERDAM

- National policies, guidelines and collaboration
  - Vision of the Dutch ministry: every teacher shares teaching materials in 2025
  - National program to support open education (SURF)
  - Working group of libraries supporting open education

- OER Support at Library of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
  - Open alternatives for scientific articles
  - Support for innovative content creation
  - Advice on copyright
  - National collaboration in policy making
Denmark, University of Aarhus

National policies, guidelines and collaboration

- A movement from closeness to openness – also because of a burning platform
- A movement to collaboration between universities i DK
- Working Group of libraries supporting open education

OER Support at Library of University of Aarhus

- The Library puts a platform for videos at disposal for teachers and students at Aarhus University
- Advice on copyright
- The Library works strategic in collaborating with the teachers and the pedagogical Centers in producing and disseminate OER
- National collaboration in strategic working with OER
Germany, hbz

- National policies, guidelines and collaboration
  - OERinfo: first major federal funding line
  - It addresses most major stakeholder groups, but forgot librarians!
  - Intensified activity in the field of connected repositories
  - Establishment of the OER Librarian Network, Chapter Germany

- OER Support at hbz
  - hbz is not a library!
  - OER World Map Project
  - Participation in metadata-discussion
What librarians can do?

• Identification of external OER/search and find
  • Building on the traditional role of finding collections

• Metadata & Quality Assurance
  • Help manage and store OER in a retrievable way, metadata standards
  • How do we know what is right for a course?

• Repositories
  • Maintain shared repositories

• Copyright issues
  • What licenses to use to share
  • Support for creating OER – third party content

• Policies
  • How to support your university in designing policies