



LEARN: Helping Institutions to Build and Implement a Policy on Research Data

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What is LEARN?

LEaders **A**ctivating **R**esearch **N**etworks:
Implementing the LERU Research Data
Roadmap and Toolkit

Some Facts

EU funded project under Horizon 2020
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24 months (1/06/2015-31/05/2017)

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EU funding: 496,582 €

Five partners (4 European, 1 non-European)

The LEARN Partnership

Coordination

- **UCL** - University College London

Partners

- **UB** - University of Barcelona
- **LIBER** - Association of European Research Libraries
- **UNIVIE** - University of Vienna
- **ECLAC** - United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

LEARN will:

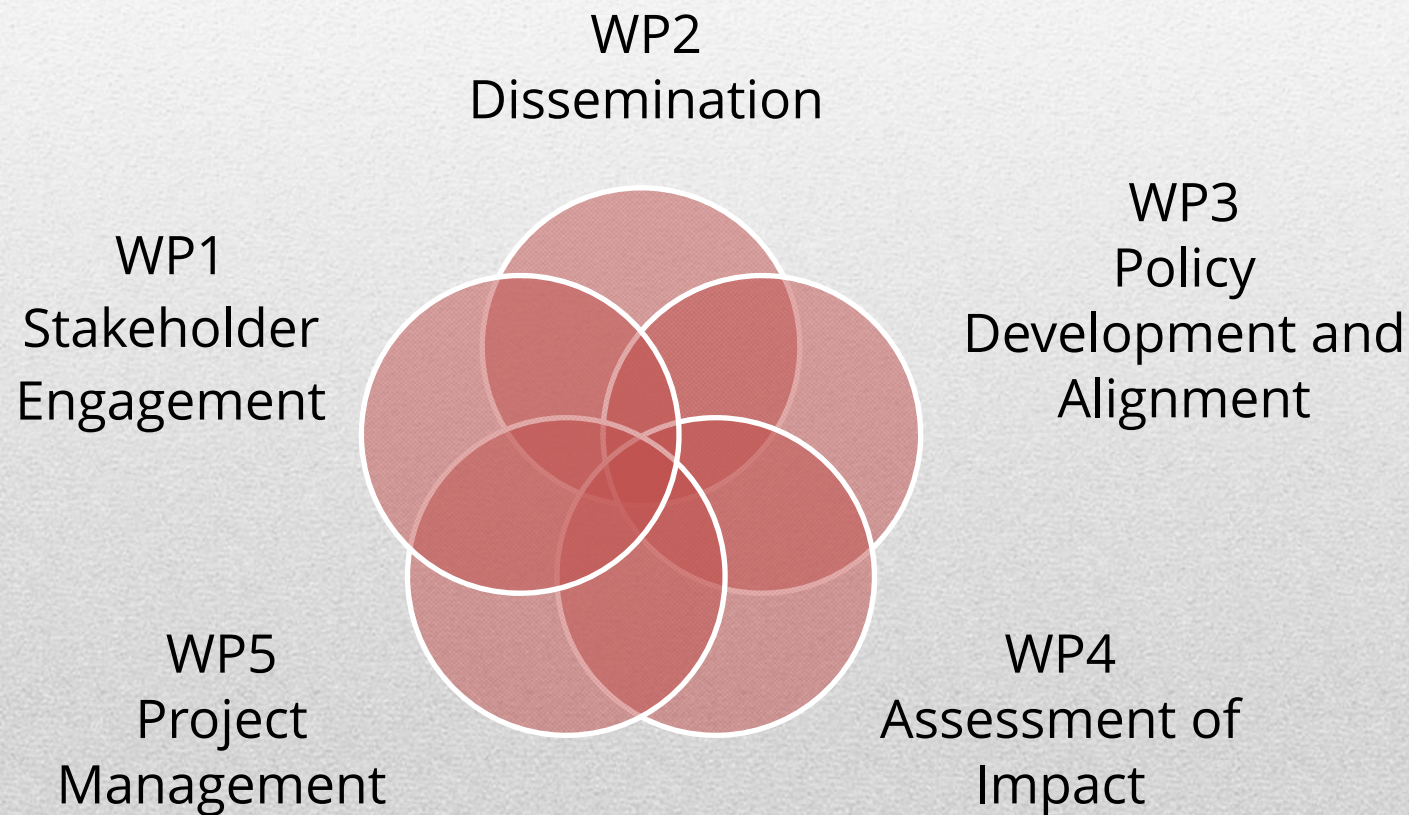
Communicate the LERU Roadmap for Research Data to an international community

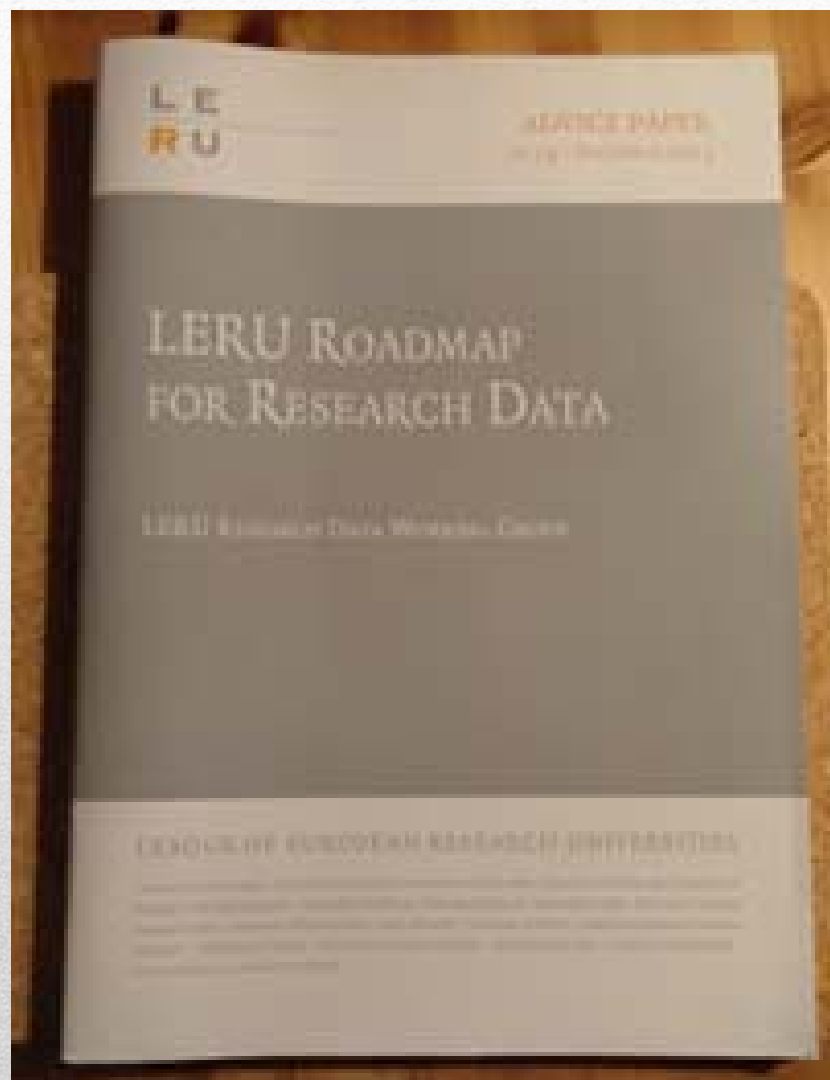
Raise awareness in Research Data Management (RDM) issues and policy

Stimulate further research on RDM issues

Encourage the production of RDM policies at an institutional level

LEARN: workpackages





The LERU Roadmap for Research Data



- A guide for universities and research organisations on how to engage with the potential and tackle the challenges of data-driven research
- Published December 2013
- Available at: <http://goo.gl/INWlcl>

The LERU Roadmap – themes

Policy and Leadership

- Identifies how RDM policy development and leadership are undertaken

Advocacy

- Who undertakes advocacy and what are the messages?

Selection, Collection, Curation, Description, Citation, Legal Issues

- Issues around the collection and curation of research data

Research Data Infrastructure

- Where should research data be stored, and by whom?

Costs

- How much does it effective RDM cost?

Roles, Responsibilities, Skills

- What skills are required by which communities?

Recommendations to different stakeholder groups

- Who does what?

LEARN: target audience

- **Researchers**

LEARN will support effective data management planning

- **Research institution**

LEARN will provide a model RDM policy

- **Data scientists/curators**

LEARN will help to identify systems, infrastructure and policy

- **Liaison and Support services**

LEARN will help staff understand researcher RDM needs

- **Research funders**

LEARN will help to inform funder policy on RDM

LEARN: key deliverables

1

A model RDM policy, for use by universities and research institutions everywhere

2

A toolkit for best practice in RDM, drawing on stakeholder workshops in 5 countries

3

An executive briefing on RDM, translated into 5 core languages

LEARN workshops



The workshops provide the main focus for stakeholder engagement in LEARN

LEARN workshops: outcomes

- Importance of skills development
- Need of discipline-specific approaches
- Identify drivers to change researchers behaviour
- Open by default but with opt-out cases
- Uncertainty on legal issues
- Lack of clarity on the costs of RDM
- Policy must be build by all the stakeholders
- Institutions must provide infrastructures and services to researchers

LEARN self-assessment tool



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Ready for managing research data?

- Self-assessment tool
- Addressed to institutions
- 13 questions with 3 answers each
- Available in English and Spanish at:
<http://learn-rdm.eu/survey-rdm-readiness/>
- Policies, services, infrastructures, roles,...
- Open throughout the lifetime of the LEARN Project
- Chance to compare different answers from the same institutions over time.

First outcomes from the survey

- 75 answers in English, 44 in Spanish
- None from Italy. Mostly from UK, Spain, and Latin America
- UK the most ready
- Many on the way
- Lack of costs analysis
- Mainly, no open by default policy but no restrictions on sharing openly

Further details

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