Facilitate Open Science Training for European Research

Training the next generation of researchers for Open Science

Why Open Science?

The use of digital technologies for learning and research is increasing across all disciplines – with improved openness, they can further facilitate creativity and collaboration. This links to the European Commission's goal for Horizon 2020: Open Access will be the norm for future publications, and Open Data is to be promoted through a pilot in selected research areas.

What is offered?

Sustainable educational resources related to Open Science, which are

- collected and organized with focus on high-quality materials
- made available online
- under open licenses wherever possible
- reusable in the context of learning and training activities

Expect the launch of our training platform by the end of 2014!

What is FOSTER training?

Supported and co-funded events across Europe, using various methods and formats, e.g. on-site training, summer schools, webinars, bar camps, hands-on workshops and online self-learning courses, covering:

- policies and practices of open access,
- open data and tools in various research areas and how to embed them in workflows,
- licensing and managing research data

First round of events about to start - watch our training calendar if you'd like to join!



How to contribute?

Let us know about relevant content that you and/or others have produced. Link your training efforts to the European community through FOSTER. Promote the idea of training for Open Science to multiple stakeholders.

Who is targeted?

FOSTER will mobilise young researchers, project managers, administrators, librarians, and other stakeholders for wide adoption of Open Access, and will support Graduate Schools at European universities, research funders and libraries to host events.

Who is involved?

This two-year EU-funded project started in February 2014. In addition to the 13 consortium partners, 27 other organizations/institutions (Institutions, Graduate Schools, Associations from students and young researchers, etc.), from 13 countries, collaborate with and support FOSTER.

Project Partners:

Universidade do Minho, Portugal
Georg-August-Universitaet Goettingen, Germany
Danmarks Tekniske Universitet, Denmark
Stichting eIFL.net, Netherlands
SPARC-Europe, UK
Stichting LIBER, Netherlands
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Technische Universiteit Delft, Netherlands
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