MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Purpose

The purpose of this MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) is to establish and promote a cooperative relationship between euroCRIS and COAR e.V.

euroCRIS is a not-for-profit organisation, dedicated to the development of quality CRISs (Current Research Information Systems) enabling a wide-scale interoperability.

The World Confederation of Open Access Repositories is an international association of Open Access repository initiatives and networks, envisioning a global knowledge infrastructure. It aims to facilitate greater visibility and application of research through a global network of open access repositories, based on interoperability and international cooperation.

Motivation:

euroCRIS and COAR share a vision of open and accessible research results and objectives to promote seamless knowledge infrastructures. Both organisations agree on their joint objectives to develop international co-operation for repositories embedded within research information infrastructures. The motivation for this MoU is to share knowledge and experience, to support each other’s endeavours in the field defined in the agreement.

Objectives

The strategic partners will seek to influence the EU and national governments on:
(a) the importance of Open Access to research results and appropriate mechanisms for ensuring this, also for the creation of the knowledge society;
(b) the need for interoperability between different systems such as OA repositories and CRIS to ensure appropriate management of research results;

Where appropriate the strategic partners will represent these views internationally.

Mechanisms

Both partners agree on the following actions for collaboration:

1. Representatives of euroCRIS shall be invited – at their own expenses – to the COAR Annual Meeting. The person attending will be designated by euroCRIS.
2. Representatives of COAR shall be invited – at their own expenses – to the euroCRIS annual strategic seminar and the CRIS biennial conferences. The person attending will be designated by COAR.
3. Representatives of COAR and specifically of its Working Group 2 on Interoperability shall be invited to CRIS-Institutional Repositories Task Group meetings. The representative will be invited the Chairperson of Working Group 2.
4. Members of euroCRIS CRIS-IR TG shall be invited to COAR Working Group 2 on Interoperability. The designated member will be invited via the CRIS-IR Task Group leader.
5. Through this aforementioned exchange on Task Group / Working Group level, euroCRIS will contribute to the development of the COAR roadmap and vice-versa.
6. A common distribution list will be created for the joint group euroCRIS/COAR.

**Publicity**

The logo of both strategic partners will be placed on each other’s website under the respective heading with a hyperlink to the home page of the strategic partner.

**Liabilities**

This agreement implies no financial relationship between the strategic partners but does not exclude that such relationship could be negotiated. The agreement does not restrict the rights and responsibilities of either partner nor increase them. This agreement remains in force until terminated in writing by either party.

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For euroCRIS

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