

The DART-Europe project

Towards developing a European theses portal

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Open Access in Europe

Activity in the UK



- ❑ SHERPA has spear-headed the construction of 20 repositories in research-led universities
 - ❑ <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/>
 - ❑ Romeo publisher listing an international asset
 - ❑ <http://www.sherpa.ac.uk/romeo.php>
- ❑ UK Parliamentary enquiry into STM (Science, Technology and Medicine) publishing
 - ❑ <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200304/cmselect/cmstech/399/39902.htm>

Open Access elsewhere in Europe



- ❑ Many other national European countries engaged in Open Access activity
 - ❑ DARE in the Netherlands has created Open Access repositories in all Dutch universities
 - ❑ <http://www.darenet.nl/en/page/language.view/home>
 - ❑ Cream of Science now available
 - ❑ Contains research outputs of 200 Dutch scientists
 - ❑ 41,000 references
 - ❑ 25,000 full-text papers available

Pan-European developments



- Pan-European developments now underway
- EU-funded study on scholarly publishing forthcoming
 - <http://www.enssib.fr/divers/liber2005/VANDOOORENLIBER2005.pdf>
 - Focus Group meeting now to finalize the Report
- OpenDOAR
 - Global listing of academic Open Access repositories
 - Funded by JISC, CURL, SPARC Europe, OSI
 - Working with Directory of Open Access Journals from University of Lund
 - <http://www.opendoar.org/>

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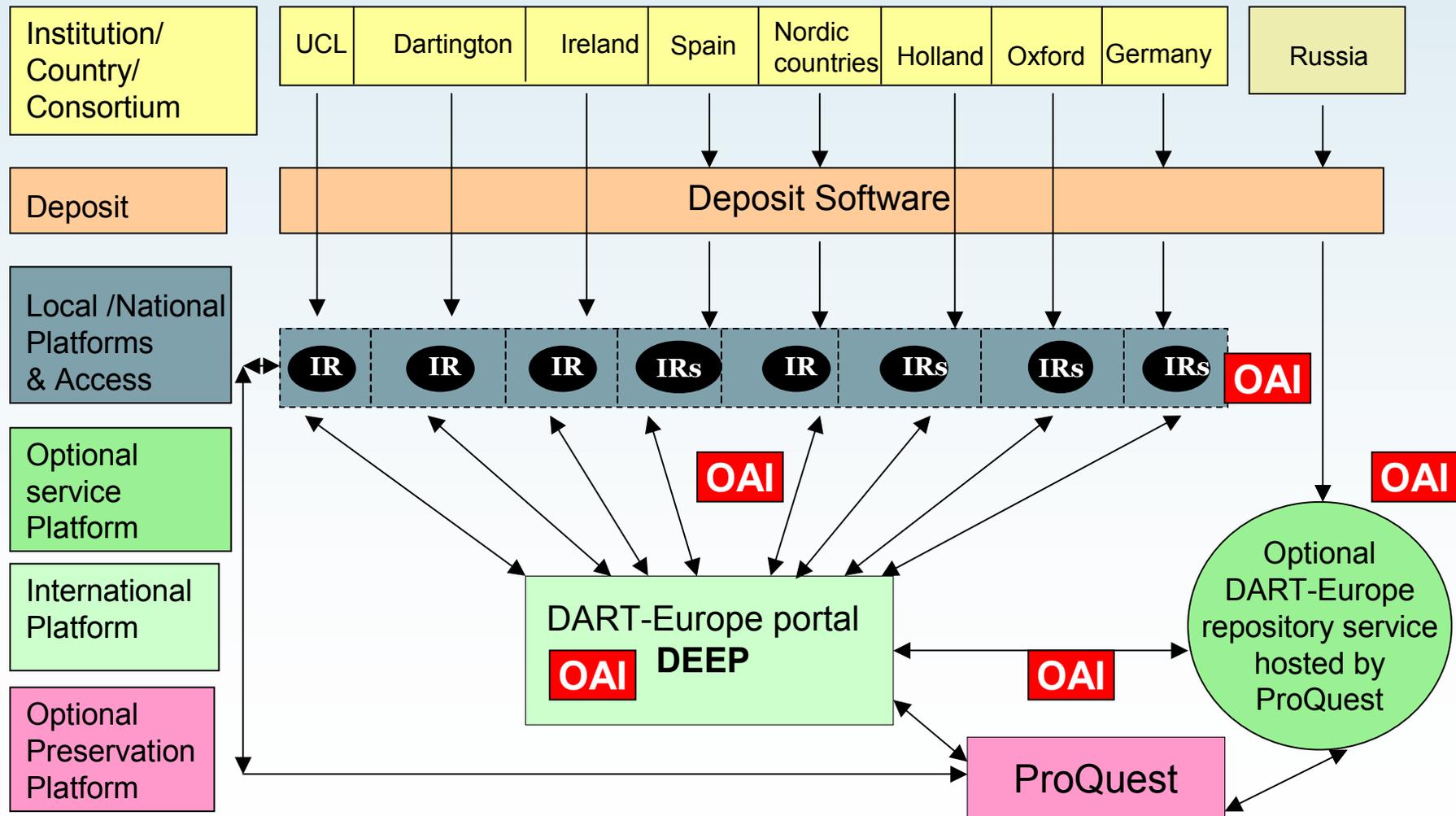
- Founding academic partners
 - UCL Library Services
 - Oxford University Library Services
 - Trinity College Dublin
 - Dartington College of Arts
 - Ethos (UK) now has Observer status on DART-Europe Project Board
 - Other European academic partners being invited into membership
- ProQuest Information and Learning

Objectives



- To work together for the discovery, retrieval and use of research theses from European universities
 - Working in an Open Access environment
 - Work underpinned by the Berlin Declaration on Open Access
 - European in scope
 - Aligned with national E-Theses developments in each member country
 - To provide a 'vanilla' service, fully Open Access, which is free at point of use
 - To develop a business model for Value-Added services

Architectures



Layers of service



- DART-Europe will
 - Create a 'vanilla' service, conforming to Open Access principles
 - E-Theses can be deposited in Open Access repositories
 - Metadata harvested
 - European portal (DEEP) created for a European view
 - Content and software processes free at point of use
 - Other elements are optional and can be charged
 - Deposit tool
 - Additional functionalities
 - Preservation platform

Main DART-Europe outputs



- Customised deposit tool
- DART-Europe repository service
- DART-Europe portal (DEEP)
- Best-practice guidelines on E-Theses management
- Preservation platform
- Identification of sustainable business models
- Dissemination

Project timescales



- Phase 1
 - 18 months – June 2005-December 2006
 - Major technical development will be completed by Christmas 2005
 - Deposit tool already being customised by partners
 - Hosted repository service available
 - DEEP portal will be created
 - OAI Harvester being developed
 - Initial partners identified
 - Discussions over Preservation Platform initiated
 - Identify possible business models
 - Seek endorsement from LIBER

Project timescales



- Phase 2 (2007-)
 - Enlarge partnership
 - Special emphasis on EU Accession countries
 - Multilingual aspects of project identified
 - Projects identified to address these issues
 - Technology watch to ensure systems and processes are best of breed
 - Consider launch of DART-Europe as full service

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And finally



- Thanks for listening
- Happy to hear any questions