Session 4
Adequate business models for open access infrastructures in Social Sciences and Humanities

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DIGITAL.CSIC business model

- An affordable and productive model
- CSIC Green route
- Economic cost
  
  IT (software/hardware) costs are relatively low but a labour intensive project (involvement of CSIC network of 70 libraries and in-house technical developments)

  OA Publishing Fund

- Impact and value: for the institution, for researchers (needs assessment surveys)

- DIGITAL.CSIC position within the institution: in terms of Scientific Information System, OA institutional policy, CSIC Libraries...
Social Sciences and Humanities in DIGITAL.CSIC (1/2)

- 18 SSH institutes: 13% of CSIC
- Second largest scientific area represented: 18% (10,992 out of 61,571 items)
- High volume of (mostly gratis) OA content: 8,000 articles, conference papers and books chapters
- A successful mediated approach: the role of CSIC libraries (1 DIGITAL.CSIC librarian in 10 specialized libraries plus 100%Digital Plan support for 3 institutes with no physical library)
- High usage statistics: SSH amongst TOP downloads – 6 out of 20 most downloaded items belong to this area.
Social Sciences and Humanities in DIGITAL.CSIC (2/2)

Growing enhancement of repository’s roles:

- Permanent record of institutional research outputs
- OA dissemination
- Heavy content storage and preservation
- “Second life” for past valuable research
- Content diversification: musical compositions, archaeology-related data
- Authors support for copyright issues and for open access publishing
- CVs development
- Datasets upload
- Fulfilment of funders policies (EC OA Pilot Project, ERC OA policy, Spain’s Science Law, regional OA laws)

- DIGITAL.CSIC as a data source of SSH research outputs for institutional CRIS
Re-use of Digital.CSIC data by SSH institutes, for instance:

- their web sites
- their publications pages
- authors profiles, projects webs
- blogs and other research platforms
Issues at stake

• How to reconcile institutional OA policies with motivations, governance, copyright policies of subject repositories?

• Need for stronger interoperability and cross-searching functionalities between IRs and subject repositories + other research platforms (Research Gate, Mendeley and the likes?)

• How to reconcile Research Performing Organizations’ OA policies with Research Funders’?

• What is the role to play by European and national OA infrastructures to prevent OA silos?

• Which business model allows for greater control by academic community in research dissemination decisions?