Interoperability Research Information NL

HOW TO STREAMLINE A DIVERSE RESEARCH INFORMATION SYSTEM LANDSCAPE



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Research in the Netherlands

- 14 universities (~250.000 students*)
- 37 universities of applied science (~450.000 students*)
- 4 major research funders
- 2 ICT facilitators (SURF, DANS)
- 3 CRIS (Converis, PURE, Metis)



* = Source: CBS (2015)



Trends

- Additional programmes for evaluation of research funding (SEP/KUOZ)
- New programme for improved control over quality of research (Data Mgmnt)
- New criteria for evaluating Open Access



Challenges

- Not on top of the strategic agenda yet
- No national research infrastructure; little interoperability
- Additional administrative criteria but no support for increasing the administrative load for researchers
- Multiple identifiers in use
- Current CERIF mismatches demands
 - Full CERIF is too complex
 - OPENAIRE CERIF is single purpose





Solutions

- 1. Re-use of research information is the one solution that will provide sufficient information for ensuring high quality research without inflicting an administrative burden.
- 2. Single purpose data exchange formats will create a burden on ICT development and maintenance throughout the information chain.
- 3. The new CERIF XML is expected to be multi purpose, suitable for international usage & collaboration and therefore more likely to be supported by CRIS suppliers.
- 4. Two project lanes in progress: strategic awareness and a POC





End of the presentation

"Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success."

Henry Ford

