

# ***The DRIVER Project: Building a European Repository Network***

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# *Planning to cover*

- Background/Why DRIVER is needed
- What DRIVER is doing currently
  
- How to get involved – DRIVER is for everyone committed to open access repository development
  - it's not just a project which ends when the EU funding runs out...

# *Repositories: current state of play...*

- OpenDOAR lists 1292 Open Access repositories worldwide (7 Dec 08)
  - Approx half in Europe – more being set up
- Many have implemented OAI-PMH
- Some international registries exist
  - OpenDOAR, ROAR...
- Some search engines exist
  - BASE, OAIster, Google Scholar...

# *Across Europe...*

- Few mature national repository organisations
- No previously existing trans-national repository collaboration
- Varied policies and procedures [data]
- Many repositories sparsely populated

# *From a user point of view...*

- Fragmented information landscape
- Content can be (partly) searched and found
- Quality and reuse differ between repositories
  
- DRIVER providing a unified approach

# *The Berlin Declaration advocates:*

- *Open access (free and unrestricted) to knowledge in the sciences and humanities worldwide* (October 2003)
- Needs a global, interoperable, trusted, long-term repository infrastructure
- DRIVER has built the nucleus of this infrastructure

# *DRIVER – multi-phase effort*

1<sup>st</sup> phase June 2006-Nov 2007 (EU FP6)

- Community building – support & advocacy
- Textual resources (full text only...)
- Test bed infrastructure
  - Aggregator (OAI-PMH harvesting)
  - Repositories in 5 initial countries (now 19?)
  - DRIVER ‘Information space’ – where eg metadata cleaned, mapped, indexed
- DRIVER Guidelines

# *Current phase: DRIVER-II*

- EU FP7
- Research Infrastructures
  - *2007-1.2.1 Scientific Digital Repositories*
- Duration: 24 months
- Timescale: Dec 2007-Nov 2009
- Test-bed > production service
- Inclusion of compound objects
- Community building



# Project partners

- University of Athens (GR)
- University of Bielefeld (DE)
- CNR-ISTI (IT)
- SURF Foundation (NL)
- University of Nottingham (UK)
- UKOLN, University of Bath (UK)
- University of Warsaw (PO)
- University of Gent (BE)
- University of Gottingen (DE)
  
- Danish Technical University (DK)
- National and University Library (SLO)
- University of Minho (PT)



# *DRIVER vision*

○ *All research institutions in Europe and worldwide make their research publications openly accessible through institutional repositories*

*(Norbert Lossau, University of Bielefeld, DRIVER Scientific Coordinator)*

# *DRIVER primary objectives*

- to build a virtual, European-scale OA network of existing institutional repositories
- to develop open source state-of-the-art infrastructure software
  - D-NET 1.0 released

# DRIVER II activity areas

Organization of Digital  
Repository Infrastructure Providers

Confederation

Open Source Software  
for repository networks

D-NET

Technical Digital Repository  
Network Infrastructure Services

DR Infrastructure

Community Building  
& Maintenance

DRIVER  
Portal &  
Wiki

# *D-NET (DRIVER Network Evolution Toolkit)*

- Open source software
- Version 1.0 released under Apache License on 20 June 2008
- Software includes:
  - Repository network administration software (eg *Repository Network Manager, Resource Monitoring*)
  - End-user services (*Search, Browse, Profiling*)
  - Support service to local repository managers and aggregators (*Validation Tool*)

# *DRIVER Infrastructure*

*First implementation of D-NET - DRIVER  
European Information Space (DEIS) -  
maintained by the DRIVER Consortium*

*Supports 3 groups of users:*

- 1. Repository managers*
- 2. Service providers*
- 3. Researchers, general public*



# *DRIVER search*

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- Free to use, no access control
- Search, browse
- Personalisation possible – create profile
- Search communities, collections



[SEARCH THE REPOSITORIES](#) | [LEARN ABOUT DRIVER](#) | [FIND SUPPORT](#) | [REGISTER YOUR REPOSITORY](#)



Digital Repository Infrastructure Vision for European Research

**driver**

[Browse](#) | [Communities](#) | [Collections](#) | [Driver Repositories](#)

Search all repositories

DRIVER compliant repositories

Refine your search by

Document Type

Date of publication

Document Language

Repository

Community

Section

Selected limits

[hide details](#)

Search limits.

Search History

### Browse for documents

by Document type  
by Document Language  
by Repository



### DRIVER Communities

Computer Science in the UK  
DINI Repositories and Database  
Research

### DRIVER Collections

Anthropology  
Biology  
Computer networks  
Computer Science  
DAREnet Repositories  
Database Systems and Theory  
DINI Certificated Repositories  
European Countries  
European Thesis and  
Dissertations

[See all DRIVER Collections...](#)  
[Learn about Collections...](#)

### Create your own profile

Create your account to receive  
personalized services. Registered  
users can filter their searches or

### News & Announcement

Features more than 600  
Open Access documents  
over 110 European repos  
25 languages.

### For repository managers

Is your repository registered  
DRIVER? If not, contact  
helpdesk and we will guide  
through the registration

### For service providers

Develop the repository  
Are you a technical person  
you may want to have a  
current DRIVER infrastru  
deployment, or take a p  
test applications running  
driver infrastructure for s  
communities: Belgium  
Recolecta.

# *Repository registration*

## ○ Target Group

- Repository Managers

## ○ Policies

- Registration
  1. Open / through website
  2. Recommendation by country correspondent
  3. Pro-active inclusion by DRIVER
- DRIVER Guidelines / Validation process

# *DRIVER Guidelines*

- Needed for building high-quality services
- Standardise record quality in harvested IRs
- Based on DINI-certificate, DAREnet, ePrints UK
- Very lightweight
- v.2 just published
- Guidelines include:
  - OAI-PMH protocol guidelines (eg use of ‘sets’ that identify collections of full-text – since not all full text...)
  - Metadata requirements for repositories (since Dublin Core interpreted in different ways...)

# *Validation tool – why?*

- Automation of DRIVER guidelines
- Self-test for repository managers via portal
- Inclusion in ‘clean’ aggregation
  - Added value services build only on validated records
- Influence ranking of search results
  
- NB: Not essential to comply with guidelines to join DRIVER, but provide general good practice for IRs anyway

# *An open infrastructure...*

- D-NET software can be configured and used by other communities
  - to deploy new services on top of existing infrastructure
  - to deploy a new DRIVER infrastructure to serve other communities
- Configured services can run in same environment
  - applications can share services
    - Recolecta, DART - access subset of info space

# D-NET configuration: Recolecta

The screenshot shows the Recolecta search interface within a Mozilla Firefox browser window. The browser's address bar displays the URL `http://search.recolecta.driver.research-infrastructures.eu/`. The page features a large red "RECOLECTA" logo and the text "Recolector de ciencia abierta". On the left, there are search filters for "Search" and "Sherpa/Romeo". The main search area includes a search bar and several dropdown menus for "All Fields", "Archives", "Title", "Author", "Description", and "Language". The "Archives" dropdown is open, showing options like "Repositorios of Spain", "Univ. Girona: Tesis Doctorals en Xarxa (TDX)", "Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya", "UDCDspace", and "Universidad de Cantabria: Tesis Doctorals en >". The "Language" dropdown is also open, showing options like "(None)", "eng", "fra", "da", and "de". A "Search" button is located below the search fields. At the bottom of the page, there are logos for the GOBIERNO DE ESPAÑA, MINISTERIO DE CIENCIA E INNOVACIÓN, FECYT (FUNDACIÓN ESPAÑOLA PARA LA CIENCIA Y LA TECNOLOGÍA), CRUE, and REBIUN. The text "Powered by DRIVER" is visible at the bottom left of the page content.

# D-NET configuration: DART Europe

The DART-Europe E-theses Portal (DEEP) - Mozilla Firefox

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http://www.dart-europe.eu/basic-search.php

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## DART-Europe E-theses Portal

**Basic Search** | **Advanced Search** | Browse | Search History | Marked list | Feedback | Help

### Basic Search

Enter search term(s)

Record contains  All terms  Any term

The DART-Europe E-theses Portal provides access to **98762** records from **11** European countries.

#### Welcome to the DART-Europe E-theses Portal.

The Portal allows you to browse and search across the 98762 open access research theses which are made available by the DART-Europe partners.

**PLEASE NOTE:** the DART-Europe E-theses Portal is a pilot service. Some features, particularly search/browse by institution and by language, are still under development: the reliability of these features and the availability of the Portal generally cannot be guaranteed. [Feedback](#) on this demonstrator Portal is welcome.

[DART-Europe](#) is a partnership of research libraries and library consortia who are working together to improve global access to European research theses. [More...](#)

 LIGUE DES BIBLIOTHÈQUES EUROPÉENNES DE RECHERCHE  
ASSOCIATION OF EUROPEAN RESEARCH LIBRARIES

http://www.dart-europe.eu/advanced-search.php

# D-NET configuration: Belgium

Driver - Search - Mozilla Firefox

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http://search.belgium.driver.research-infrastructures.eu/

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Advanced search

**Search**

All Fields

Archives

Repositories of Belgium

OAR, het Open Archief van VIOE-publicaties

Eindwerkensite Katholieke Hogeschool Kempen

DSpace at UGent

Open Marien Archief (OMA)

Title

Author

Description

Language (All)

Search

OAR, het Open Archief van VIOE-publicaties

Eindwerkensite Katholieke Hogeschool Kempen

VIOE  
VLAAMS  
INSTITUUT  
voor het  
ONROEREND  
ERFOOD

KHK

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# *Next version of D-NET...*

## ○ 'Enhanced publications'

- Type of complex object
- Publication with 'additional materials' eg datasets, images, video, software, annotations
- Explicit links between components (each has own persistent identifier)

## ○ Demonstrator of EPs - uses OAI-ORE

## ○ Technology watch, includes:

- Interoperability [eg ISO OOXML...]
- CRIS
- Long term preservation

# *Mentor service*

- For repository managers/developers
- Peer support – one-to-one advice and guidance
- Share best practice and experience
- Potential ‘mentees’ submit request to DRIVER mentor service:
  - <http://www.driver-support.eu/mentor.html>
- Mentor service identifies mentor with relevant expertise (if consider that existing online resources cannot meet needs)

# *DRIVER Portal and Wiki*

## ○ Portal

- Access information and support
- [www.driver-community.eu](http://www.driver-community.eu)

## ○ Wiki

- Contribute to DRIVER community
- [www.driver-support.eu/pmwiki](http://www.driver-support.eu/pmwiki)

# DRIVER Portal

**driver**  
Digital Repository Infrastructure Vision for European Research

Driver is a collaboration, co-funded by the European Commission, to build a network of freely accessible digital repositories with content across academic disciplines.

Find support

Search the repositories portal

Learn about DRIVER

For repository managers

e-infrastructure

Fertig Internet

# DRIVER wiki

DRIVER Wiki | Main / Open Access in Non-EU Europe - Mozilla Firefox

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http://www.driver-support.eu/pmwiki/index.php?n=Main.NonEU

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## Open Access in Non-EU Europe

- Croatia
- Norway
- Russian Federation
- Switzerland
- Ukraine

The countries listed above are those for whom contributors to this wiki exist. If you wish us to add a country that is not yet on this list, please contact the [DRIVER Helpdesk](#).  
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# *DRIVER Confederation of European Repositories*

- An organisation which will exist beyond the duration of the DRIVER project
- Initial focus on Europe, but with international alliances from the beginning
- Confederation partner types:
  - Consortium – funded by DRIVER project
  - Network – provide content
  - Correspondent – various eg software providers, subject communities, research/funding organisations
- Launch planned for October 2009
- Advisory Board set up (LIBER, Istanbul)
- Need to establish a new, independent legal body or merge with an existing organisation?

# *How does DRIVER relate to national repository communities?*

- National communities are usually represented by country ‘correspondents’
  - One institution or a group of institutions takes responsibility to build a national repository community (eg DARENet, SHERPA, OA-Netzwerk, Recolecta, HAL)
- Country correspondents may eg:
  - Maintain national repository information on the DRIVER wiki
  - Organise repository events in their countries
  - Translate repository guidelines and other relevant information into national languages
  - Build up national data aggregators, clean data, offer additional services

# *How does DRIVER relate to international repository communities?*

- DRIVER sees its mission as
  - Catalyst for a global repository infrastructure
  - Develop and maintain the European repository infrastructure node
- DRIVER already liaises with institutions and initiatives from the majority of European countries, the US, Canada, Latin America, China, Japan, India and Africa
- DRIVER has signed MoUs with SPARC Europe, LIBER, eIFL, Recolecta Spain, OA-Netzwerk Germany and DRF Japan



# *Find out more at OAI6...*

- DRIVER tutorial @ OAI6, Geneva
  - 17 June 2009, 0900 – 1130
- Programme focus on how to get involved in DRIVER, to include:
  - Confederation
  - Registration/validation
  - Guidelines for data providers
  - Tools for service providers
  - Mentor service

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