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FACILITATE OPEN SCIENCE TRAINING FOR EUROPEAN RESEARCH

THE PROJECT

FOSTER aims to support different stakeholders, especially young researchers, in adopting open access in the context of the European Research Area (ERA) and in complying with the open access policies and rules of participation set out for Horizon 2020 (H2020).

FOSTER establish a European-wide training programme on open access and open data, consolidating training activities at downstream level and reaching diverse disciplinary communities and countries in the ERA.

The training programme includes different approaches and delivery options: elearning, blearning, self-learning, dissemination of training materials/contents, helpdesk, face-to-face training, especially training-the-trainers, summer schools, seminars, etc.

OBJECTIVES

• Support different stakeholders, especially young researchers, in adopting open access in the context of the European Research Area (ERA) and in complying with the open access policies and rules of participation set out for Horizon 2020;

• Integrate open access principles and practice in the current research workflow by targeting the young researcher training environment;

• Strengthen the institutional training capacity to foster compliance with the open access policies of the ERA and Horizon 2020 (beyond the FOSTER project);

• Facilitate the adoption, reinforcement and implementation of open access policies from other European funders, in line with the EC's recommendation.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

The objectives will be pursued through the combination of 3 main activities;

1 – Identifying already existing contents that can be reused in the context of the training activities and repackaging, reformatting them to be used within FOSTER, and develop/create/ enhance contents if/where they are needed.

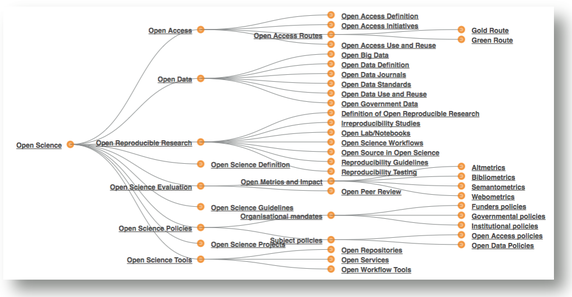
2 – Creation of the FOSTER Portal to support e-learning, blended learning, self-learning, dissemination of training materials/contents and Helpdesk.

3 – Delivery of face-to-face training, especially training trainers/multipliers that can carry on further training and dissemination activities, within their institutions, countries and/or disciplinary communities.

HOW IT WORKS

Existing contents are submitted to the Portal

Then organized by topic, ...



And made available online.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

FOSTER strategies rely on wide community involvement and will actively seek it, both for training content and for training courses.

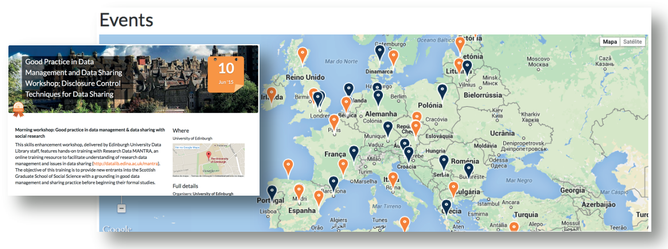
FOSTER supported the community training actions via two annual open calls

How to participate?

- Provide/suggest content for FOSTER training
- Host/organize a FOSTER training action at your institution/event
- Attend FOSTER courses
- Become a FOSTER multiplier by replicating training at your institution/community

E-Learning Courses
(self-learning or moderated)

Face-to-face Courses
(Funded or supported)



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Contents, Courses and Events

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Beyond consortium partners, 27 other organizations/institutions (Institutions, Graduate Schools, Associations from students and young researchers, etc.), from 13 countries, already committed to collaborate with and support FOSTER.

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