



IASIST Latin Engagement Strategic Action Group

Report on progress

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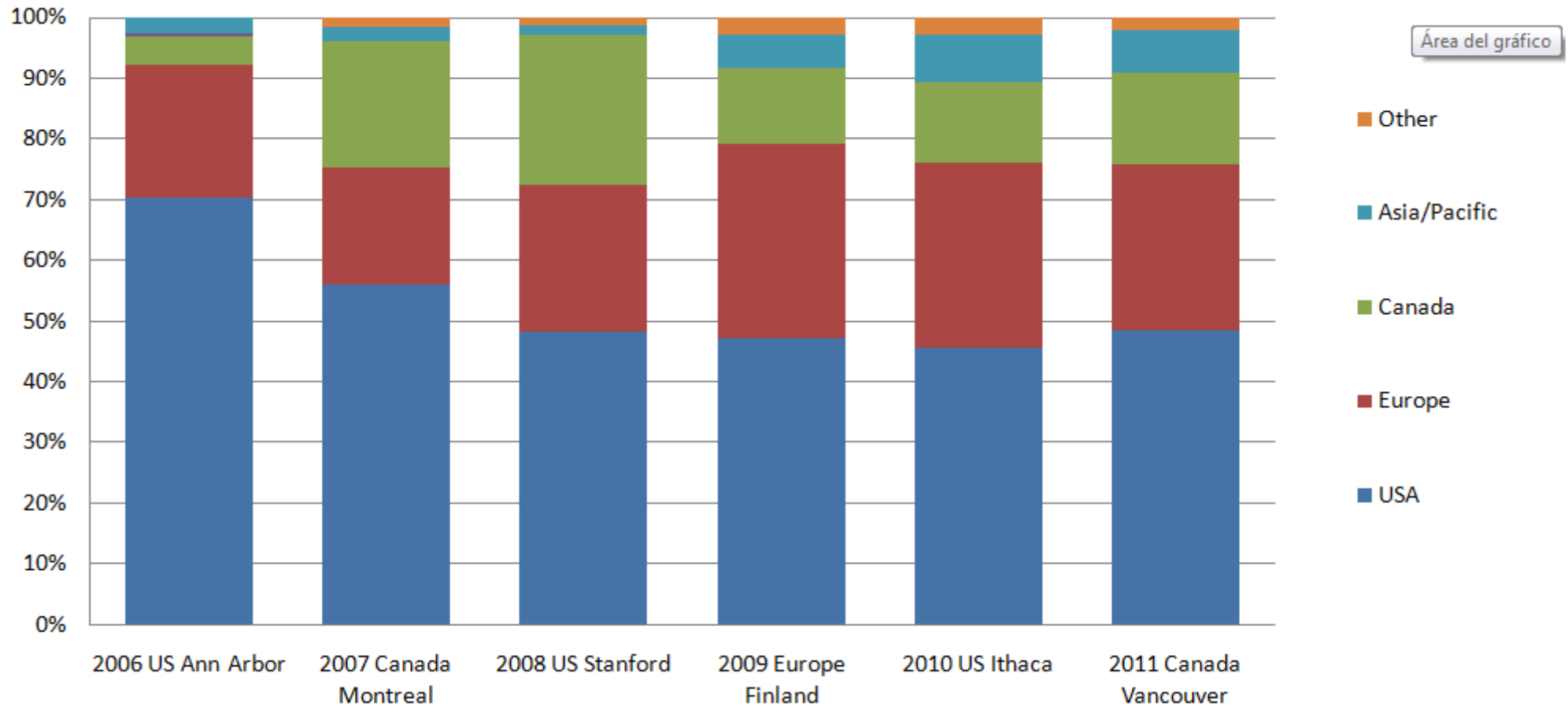
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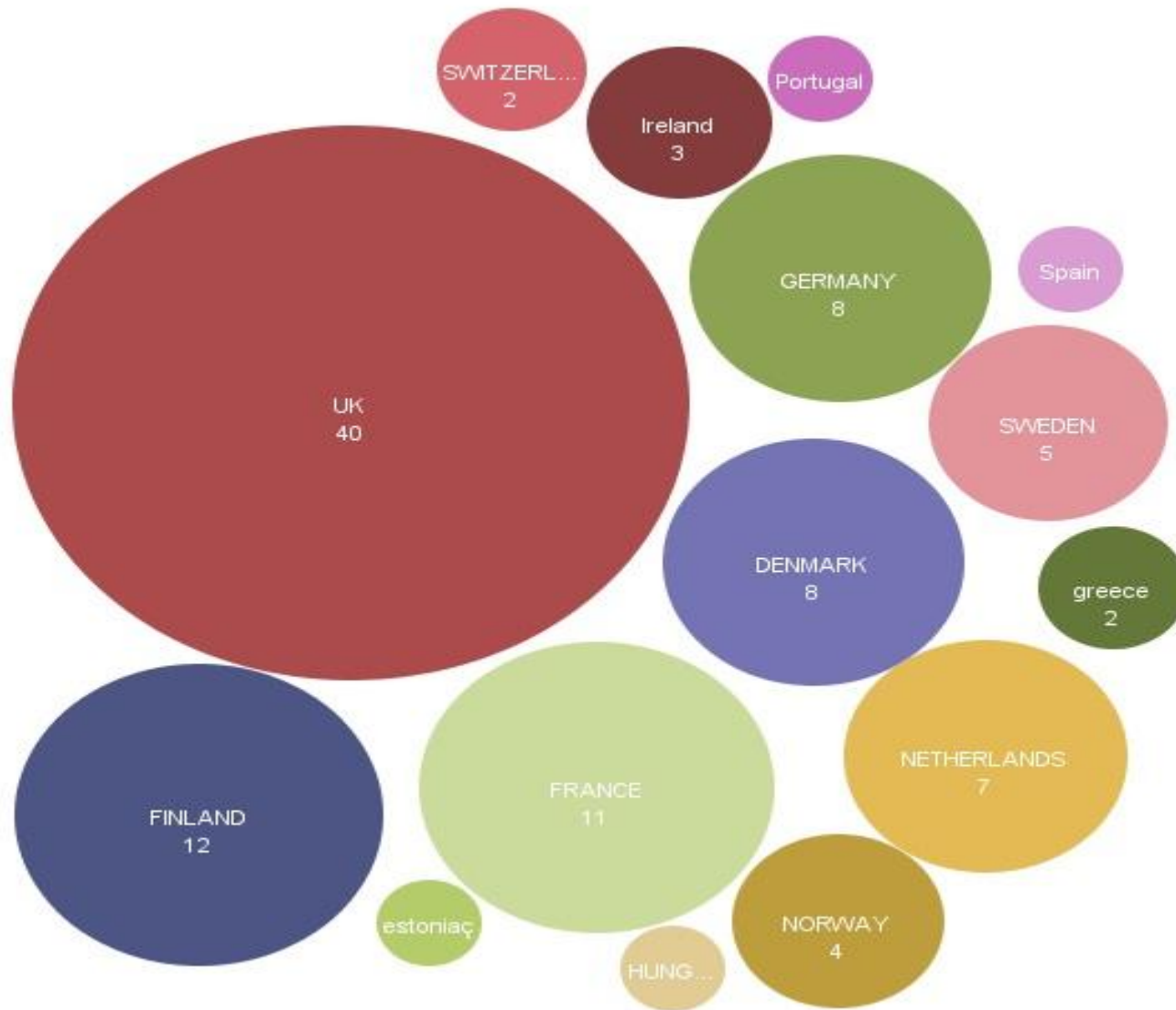
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IASSIST Membership 2006-2011



IASSIST Europe Membership 2011



IASSIST Latin American Members

- Two members from Spain in 1993 and 2001
- One member from Cuba in 2005 and one from Mexico in 2009
- Representation in 2011 from Spain, Portugal, Mexico and Bolivia



Latin Engagement Action Group

Mission

To propose a set of activities that IASSIST could undertake to further engage with data professionals from Latin American institutions



Scope

Research data services (Social Sciences but not exclusively so) in academic environments including those involved in:

- developing data management tools
- research data support and training, data management policy
- developing technical solutions such as data analysis and visualisation tools
- research data repositories ingesting, or planning to ingest, research data

Members

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Methodology

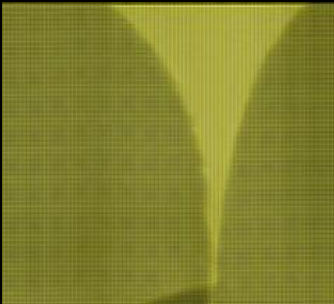
- Wiki for discussion, collaboration and dissemination [<http://tinyurl.com/iassistLatin>]
 - Phase I: Spain
- Data collection
 - Desk research (navigating institutional websites, annual reports, mailing lists)
 - Survey as an online questionnaire
 - Semi-structured interviews

Three main areas of interest



Traditional data library role

- secondary data collections
- support and reference services



Data management and curation

- status of research data management (RDM) strategies from an institutional perspective



IASSIST

- awareness of the organization
- role of IASSIST

Spanish Universities



Spanish data centres



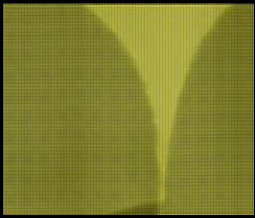
Responses

- Libraries, data centres and other support services
 - National level
 - Universidad Nacional de Educacion a Distancia
 - Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas
 - Centro de Investigaciones Sociologicas (CIS)
 - Instituto Nacional de Estadística
 - Aragon
 - Universidad de **Zaragoza**
 - Cantabria
 - Instituto **Cántabro** de Estadística
 - Cataluña
 - Centre de Supercomputació de **Catalunya**
 - Universitat Pompeu Fabra, **Barcelona**
 - Universidad Politecnica **de Catalunya**
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 - Universidad Carlos III, **Madrid**
 - Universidad Complutense de **Madrid**
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 - Universidad de **Valencia**



Traditional data library

- Only one *traditional data library*
- Our evidence suggests that Social Science Libraries purchase macro-indicator databases. Few purchase or maintain other types of materials such as microdata (2 members of ICPSR) or GIS data.
- Little evidence of support and reference services for locating and using data
- Libraries provide training courses and support for the 'databases' they subscribe - this may include the macro-indicator resources.
- Data library role not seen as prominent



Data management & curation

- Growing area of interest amongst the repository community

"The Spanish Ministry of Science and Education is extremely keen to promote data sharing and is interested in exploring how IRs can assist in this process."

- Some institutions have started to data deposit in IRs

"The profile of researchers depositing data appears to be technically proficient early career scholars, and those that have been abroad and seen others sharing data."

- Other institutions are conducting scoping and requirements gathering exercises

"interested in approaching the issue in collaborative ways ...working with a close and small community in the first place capturing researcher requirements and building a prototype"

- New skill set needed

"there needs to be close relationships with research teams (from a repository or IT support perspective)"

- Unclear where responsibilities lie in terms of providing research data management skills.



IASSIST: Awareness and role

- Half of respondents knew of IASSIST
- Perceived benefits that IASSIST can offer (from respondents)
 - Background information about social science data libraries and data support
 - Basic skills to handle social science data
 - Free Social Science data resources
 - Tools to assist data analysis and visualisation
 - Tools to help manage and share datasets produced by your academics
 - To provide a peer to peer support network
 - Help to raise awareness about RDM issues
 - Help to not-reinvent the wheel providing guidance in RDM

Recommendations (1st Phase)

- Multilingual key web pages
- Training/Awareness raising events in Spain
- Host IASSIST conference in Spain
- Bring Latin-American colleagues to IASSIST annual conference via outreach committee
 - Continue with Latin-American sessions in conferences
 - Conduct a phase 2 exercise with institutions from Portugal / Latin America

Next steps...already started

- DATAIED bid for an Latin-American network for RDM with partners from:
 - Argentina (UNR)
 - Brasil (UPM)
 - Chile (REUNA, UACH)
 - Colombia (EAFIT, UR)
 - Costa Rica (LANOTEC)
 - Ecuador (FLACSO, UASB)
 - Mexico (UASLP, UDALP)
 - Perú (UNMSM)
 - Portugal (UM)
 - Spain (UNED)
 - Venezuela (CECALCULA, UCV)
 - CLARA, CLACSO



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