

COPIM

Community-Led
Open
Publication
Infrastructures for
Monographs



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Overview

COPIM will address the key technological, structural, and organisational hurdles—around funding, production, dissemination, discovery, reuse, and archiving—which are standing in the way of the wider adoption and impact of open access books.

- 3 years: November 1st 2019 – 31 October 2022
- Co-funded by Research England Development (RED) Fund (2,202,947)
- A consortium of world-class universities, established scholar-led open access presses, libraries and infrastructure providers

Consortium

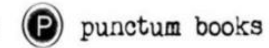
Universities



Libraries



Presses



Infrastructure Providers



Key
technological,
structural &
organisational
hurdles to wider
adoption &
impact of OA
books

- Integrated capacity-building amongst presses
- Access to and development of funding channels
- Development and piloting of appropriate business models
- Cost reductions achieved by economies of scale
- Mutually supportive governance models
- Integration into library, repository, and digital learning environments
- The re-use of and experimentation with OA books
- The effective and robust archiving of OA content.

Aims & Objectives

- Removing hurdles preventing new OA book initiatives to emerge and existing ones to adopt OA workflows
- Developing consortial, institutional, and other funding systems
- Showcasing alternative (non-BPC) business models
- Supporting the creation of, interaction with and reuse of OA books
- Knowledge transfer to stakeholders through various pilots

Build modular components to support the publication of OA books

- infrastructures
- business models
- governance procedures
- re-use strategies
- preservation structures
- outreach programs

WP2. Revenue Infrastructure s and Management Platform

Key deliverables and impacts

- A fully functional consortial library funding platform
- The ScholarLed pilot
- An outreach program to the international library community
- A model for a community-owned OA revenue programme for books
- A consortium of librarians and publishers that can serve as a model for collaboration around OA monographs.

WP3. Knowledge Exchange & Piloting Alternative Business Models

Key deliverables and impacts

- A pilot case to transition the business models of at least two extant publishers to new OA-amenable models
- An online, open-source toolkit for booting up and running an OA book press
- Knowledge dissemination about the new infrastructural provisions of the project
- Cost reductions and alternative business models for OA monograph publishing.

WP4. Community Governance

Key deliverables and impacts

- A model for the long-term management of consortial library funding programs
- Assembly of a governance community of representative stakeholders
- Official policies and procedures for self-governance and administrative management of the infrastructure
- 2 white papers based on community approved best practices for the governance of 1) open source community-owned infrastructures, and 2) OA book presses and consortia.

WP5. Building an Open Dissemination System

Key deliverables and impacts

- An Open Dissemination System enhancing the discovery and dissemination of OA monographs
- A pilot case implementing the ODS infrastructure amongst the OA publishing partners;
- A shared “best practices” digital catalogue to enable adoption of the ODS.

WP6. Experimental Publishing, Re-use and Impact

Key deliverables and impacts

- A pilot of representative experimental books built on top and integrated within the COPIM infrastructure
- An online resource detailing opportunities for experimental book publishing
- Technologies and cultural strategies to promote OA book content discovery, interaction and reuse and the creation, development and interaction with emergent genres of scholarship
- Reuse and engagement strategy for OA book publishers and scholars.

WP7. Archiving and Digital Preservation

Key deliverables and impacts

- Technical methods for effectively archiving complex digital research publications and for creating an integrated collection of content in different formats
- Pilot case archiving a subset of ScholarLed publications in at least two different locations
- A model which enables the expansion and uptake of the methods by other presses and libraries
- Recommendations for best practice around legal and copyright issues that complicate effective archiving of complex digital research publications

Wider Benefits

- A growing uptake of OA monographs internationally
- Wider benefits for both **HE institutions and HSS researchers**, offering them sustainable publishing models they control, increased publishing options and cost-reductions.
- Wider benefits for the **general public, the economy and the creative industries**, by providing improved access to key resources and findings from monographic fields.
- The project will conduct knowledge exchange activities with key stakeholder partners to facilitate sustainable and workable transitions to an open publication ecosystem for monographs and to **ensure a diverse ecology of publishers**.

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