The Foster Project

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Intro

FOSTER is a coordination initiative that 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).
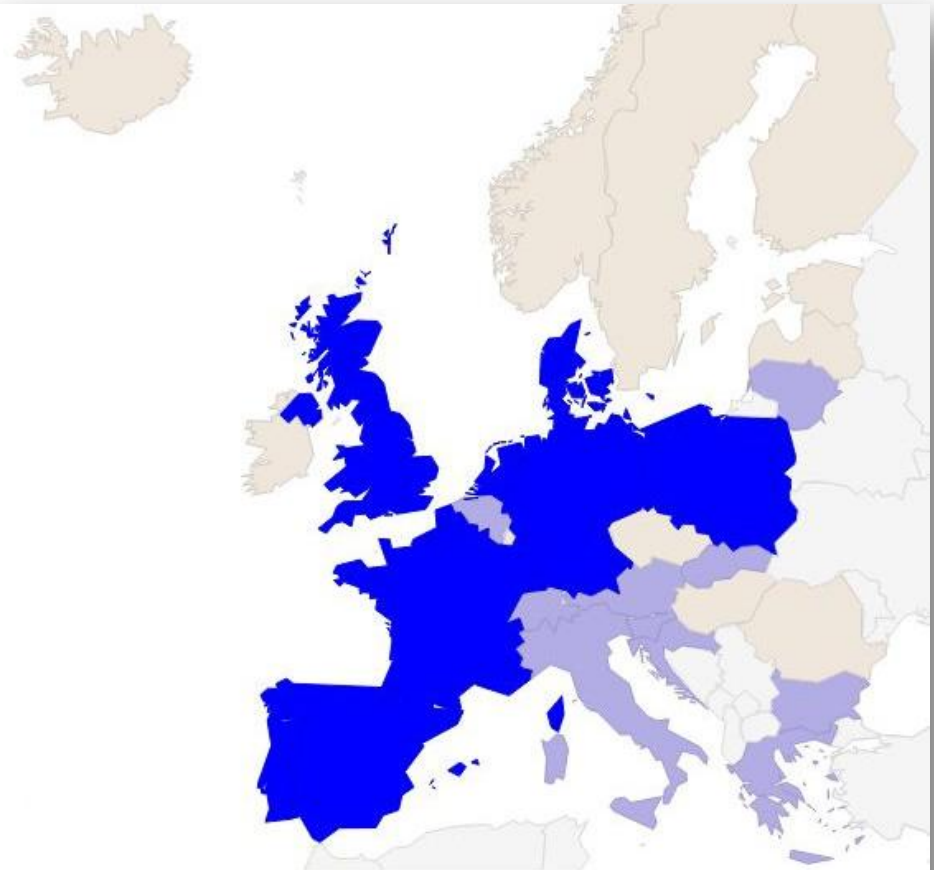
↗ **Call:** SiS.2013.1.3.3-2 : Downstream training on Open Access in the European Research Area

↗ **Project Name:** Fostering Open Science Training for European Research

↗ **Duration**: 24 Months

↗ **Start Date**: February 2014 [tbc]

Partners and Associated Partners

13 Partners (10 institutions and 3 international organizations), from 8 countries

27 Associated/Supporting Institutions/Organizations
(Institutions, Graduate Schools, Associations from students and young researchers, etc.)
from 13 countries

Partners

Associated Partners

Partners

- Universidade do Minho - *Portugal*
- Georg-August-Universitaet Goettingen Stiftung Oeffentlichen Rechts – *Germany*
- Danmarks Tekniske Universitet – *Denmark*
- Stichting eIFL.net – *Netherlands*
- SPARC-Europe – *UK*
- Stichting LIBER – *Netherlands*
- University of Glasgow – DCC – *UK*
- Technische Universiteit Delft – *Netherlands*
- The Open University – *UK*
- ICM - Uniwersytet Warszawski – *Poland*
- Consortium Universitaire de Publications Numériques Couperin – *France*
- Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas – *Spain*
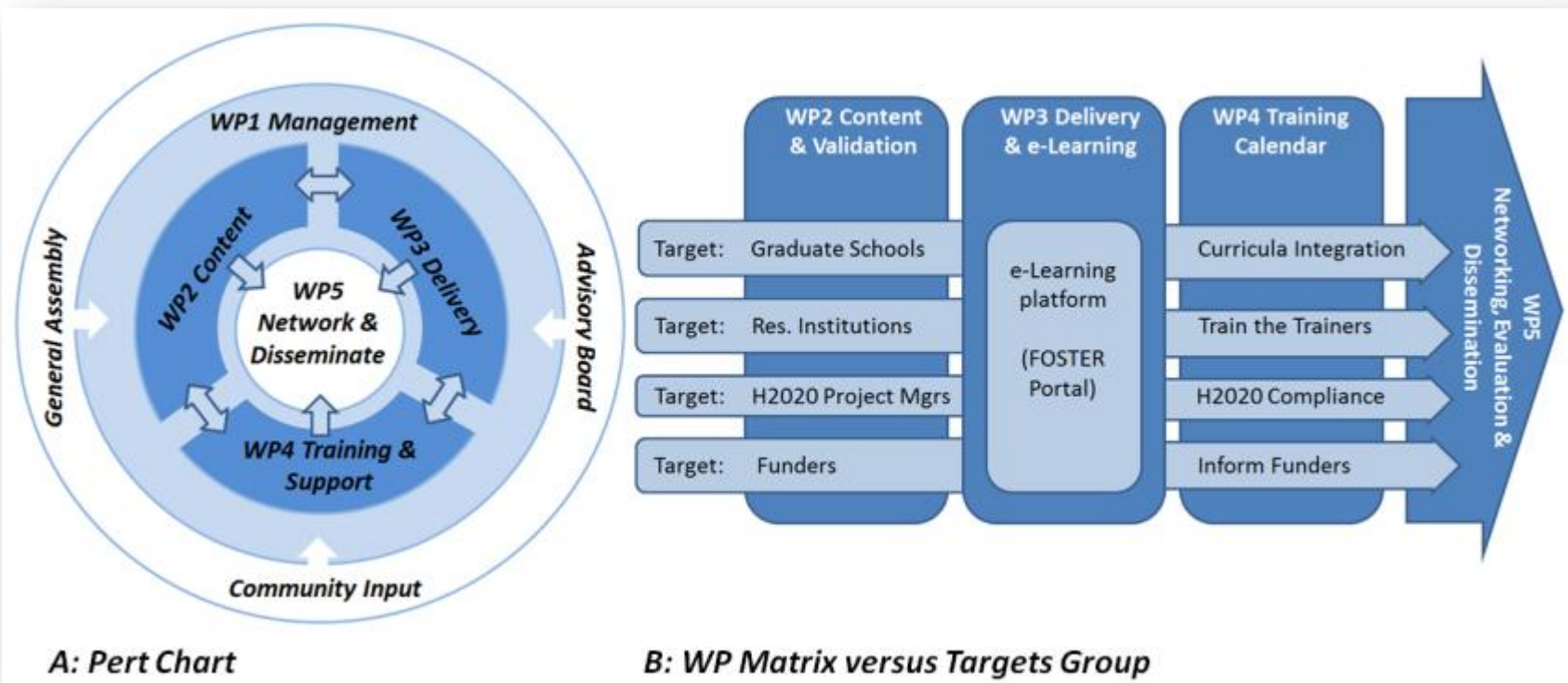- University of Edinburgh - DCC – *UK*

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.
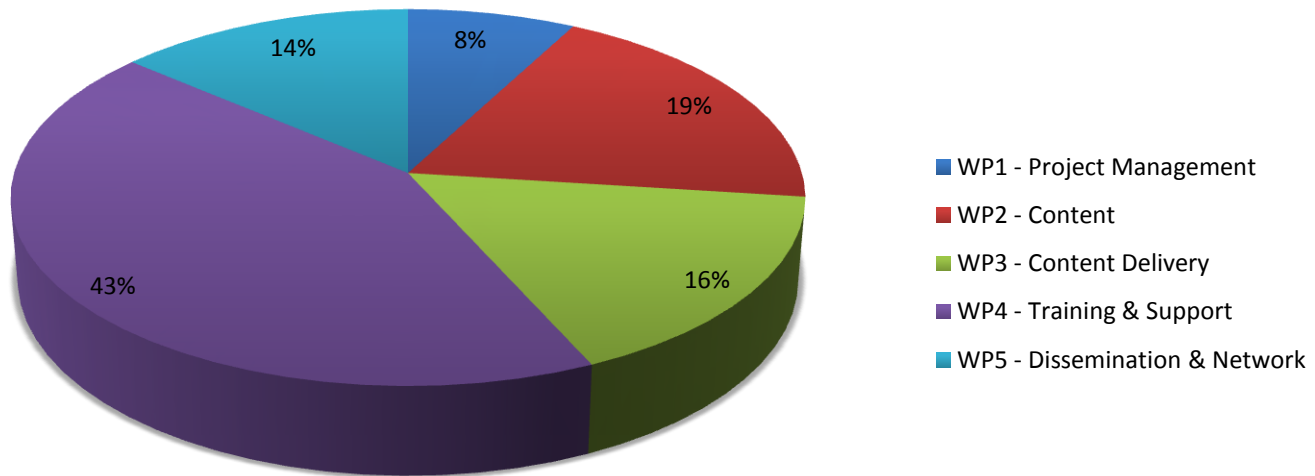
Main activities

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

  ↗ **Activity 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.

  ↗ Activity 2 – Creation of the **FOSTER Portal** to support **e-learning, blended learning** (combination of distance and face-to-face learning), **self-learning, dissemination of training materials/contents and Helpdesk.**

  ↗ Activity 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.
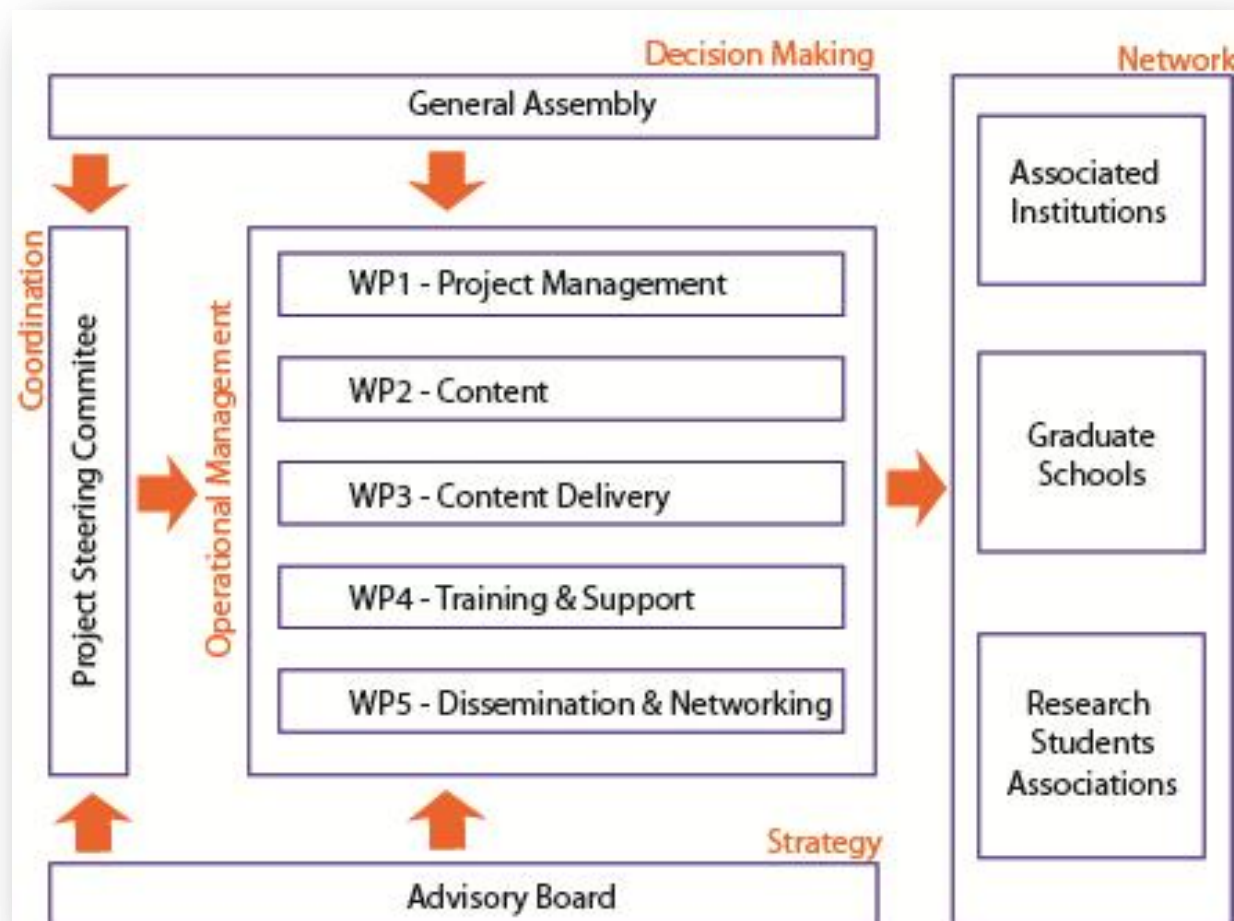
Project Structure

A: Pert Chart

B: WP Matrix versus Targets Group

Resources

% of Total Cost per WP

WP1 – Project Management

↗ WP leader: University of Minho

↗ Administrative Management

↗ Project Direction and Coordination

↗ Monitoring and Reporting

Project Management

WP2 - Content

↗ WP Leader: DTU

↗ Identify and map existing hight quality content, per group and content type

↗ Aggregate, enhance and deliver the identified content to WP3 and WP4, categorized by target group and content type

↗ Validation of contents/training by ERA Graduate Schools and and seek certification method (e.g. ECTS points) for officially recognizing OA training events in WP4

WP3 – Content Delivery

↗ WP Leader: The Open University

↗ Develop the FOSTER portal

↗ Tailor the content delivery to specific training needs

WP4 – Training & Support

↗ WP Leader: EIFL

↗ Define and manage the general training programme

↗ Organize courses: at least 20 face-to-face training events, 5 self-learning courses and 5 moderated elearning courses

↗ Provide support to ERA stakeholders, including a Helpdesk service (in cooperation with other initiatives, e.g. OpenAIRE)

WP5 – Dissemination & Networking

�ú WP Leader: UGOE

➚ Disseminate and promote the project

➚ Carry out liaison with relevant European organizations and initiatives

➚ Training evaluation

Final Remarks

↗ FOSTER will define and manage a general training programme, assuring regional/country, and disciplinary diversity.

↗ FOSTER will use different training approaches, with a focus on training trainers/multipliers, to reach the variety of stakeholders - academic staff (researchers and students), institutions (administrators, librarians), research project managers, policy-makers and staff working in funding bodies.

↗ FOSTER will support community training events via two annual open calls for events which adhere to the project objectives

  ↗ The first call will be issued at the project kick-off meeting (February 2014), for events occurring from Month 4 to Month 12

  ↗ The second call will be issued at Month 9 (October 2014), for events occurring from Month 12 to 24 (roughly 2015)

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