Economists Online: researchers and libraries collaborate.
A subject-specific service model.

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“The library is making my scientific life easier and more relaxed”
A library network: 15_9
We are

• A network of libraries and institutions serving a specific subject community:
• Institutions with high-rankings in econ.
• Serving our clients by:
  – increasing visibility of excellent research
  – building added value services
• Serving the network by:
  – focusing on cost-efficiency and innovation
  – developing concrete products
  – maximising on knowledge-exchange structures
Economists Online (EO)

Online access to the academic output of leading economists
EO facts and figures

• 6 partners, 4 countries, 4 key languages
• 68 authors
• One discipline
• 6,943 bib. references, 2,696 full-text documents
• Open access
Full-text open access content

- Journals: 1675
- WP/discussion papers: 752
- Chapters: 269
- Reports: 56
- Other: 53
- Books (incl. dr. dissertations): 38
- Conference proceedings: 21
EO services

• Showcasing leading economists
• Search the publications of some of Europe’s excellent economists

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An environmental economist

“Excellent, a lot of added value”
The author

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Enter into discussion

- Identify your stakeholders
- To support the research process
- Added value
- The language of the researcher
- Knowledge of work-processes

- Go to scientific conferences, talking to researchers about disseminating their work, and how they access new content
Identify needs

• Fast access to
  – one’s own research output
  – other quality research output
• Info for research assessment
• Further visibility
• A back-up / archive service
• Spend as little time on administrative tasks as possible
Identify fears

• Time is research
• What is in it for me?
• Publishers
• Quality
• Structural support
• Current content
• Critical mass
Translate n&f into services

• Automated publication lists with full text links to final articles and open access content (see next slides)
• A showcase and search service of some of Europe’s leading economists
• Secure archives, some long-term preservation
• Striving for content to be indexed by core selected search engines
Advocacy

• Heads of faculty and researchers
• Problem identification
  – Real-life scenarios
• Solutions: Concrete services
• Library support
• Progress and results
Critical success factors

- 3 partnerships
- Resolving real problems
- The idea, and a clear message
- Concrete products and services
- IPR support
- Interaction and feedback
- Advocacy!
As a consequence

Returning to our authors

- More full text to be uploaded – new content
- More authors
- More partners (extending this to 15)
- More repositories

- Gaining critical mass
- Increasing access to quality content, both new and old of international significance
More info

• For more information see our website at http://www.nereus4economics.info

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