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Open Access in Practice:

Dissemination, Visibility, Usage & Impact of Scholarly Research

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Opening Remarks

Prof. Alfred Vella - Rector, University of Malta

"In this day and age obtaining access to research has changed drastically

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… it used to take months, now it takes only minutes"

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Mr Kevin J. Ellul - Director Library Services, University of Malta

"Academic institutions and research organisations engage and invest in research to accelerate the pace of scientific discovery, encourage innovation, foster intellectual advancement, and stimulate the economy - that is to improve the public good"

Open Access Policy for the University of Malta: An Overview

Ms Kaja Sloniona - University of Malta

"Researchers are encouraged to deposit all research produced under the auspices of the UM in OAR@UM"

OpenAIRE2020 and the Alignment of European Open Access Policies

Mr Pedro Principe - University of Minho, Portugal

"Monitor Open Science in Europe

Implement and align Open Access policies

Build global common standards for linking and contextualizing all research"

Open Science & Innovation

Dr Richard Blundell - Malta Council for Science and Technology

"… a national policy on Open Access was included in the government's manifesto of last June's election

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… Malta has submitted an application for support under the H2020 policy support facility to implement this …"

OAR@UM: The UM Open Access Repository

Mr Ryan Scicluna - University of Malta

"OAR@UM serves as a platform to collect, preserve and disseminate the intellectual output of the UM in digital format

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… publications deposited in OAR@UM are indexed by Google and Google Scholar as well as other OAI Service providers including BASE and CORE"

OpenAIRE Infrastructure

Mr Pedro Principe - University of Minho, Portugal

"From basic infrastructure level to value added

15+ Technical Services

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34 National Open Access Desks"

Role of the UM Open Access Policy & OAR@UM in Promoting Scholarly Communication

Breakout Sessions

Open Access: A Researcher’s and Editor’s Perspective

Prof. Godfrey Baldacchino - Pro-Rector, University of Malta

“Google Scholar Profile … an easy way of enhancing a researchers' visibility and impact in the academic community worldwide”

"… it’s easy to set up an online journal"

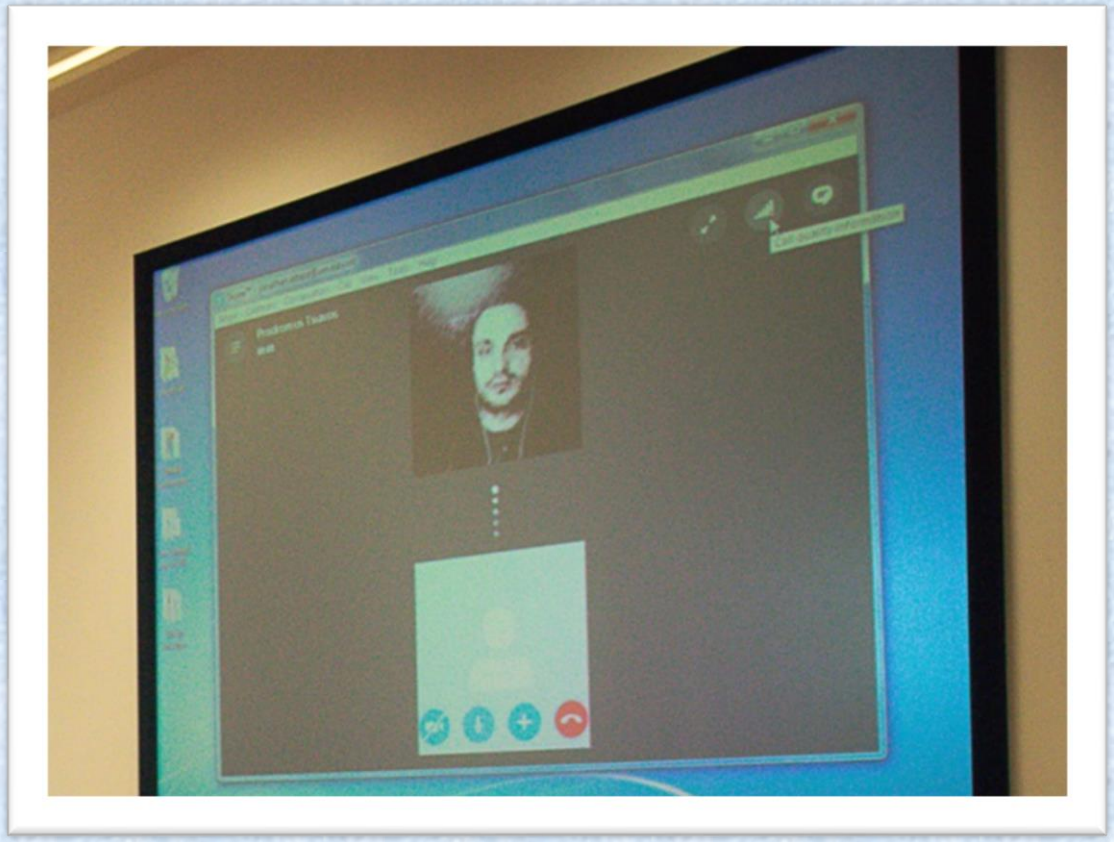
Legal aspects of Open Access

Dr Prodomos Tsiavos - Onassis Cultural Centre, Greece

"Legalise Open Access policy

Collaborate with international networks

Ask for legal reform"



Research Data Management and Data Sharing

Dr Marjan Grootveld - Data Archiving and Networked Services, Netherlands

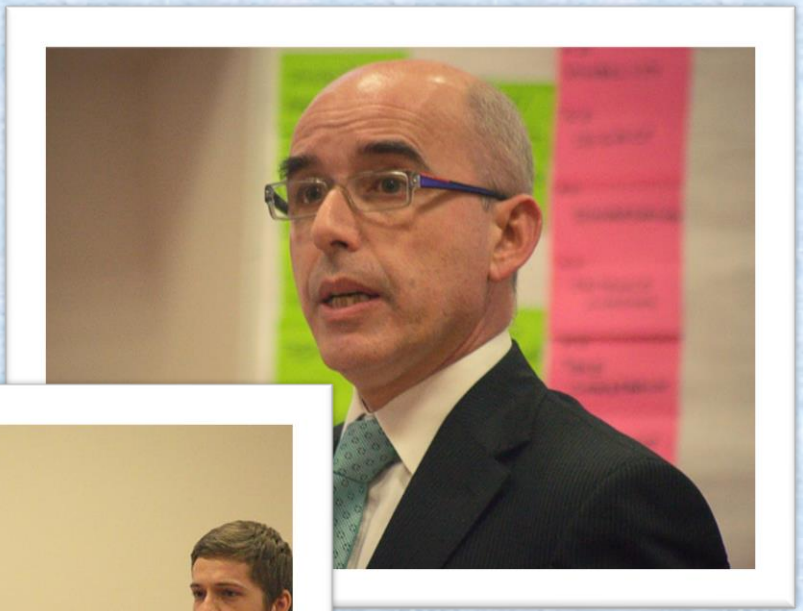
“Data management is all in a day’s work

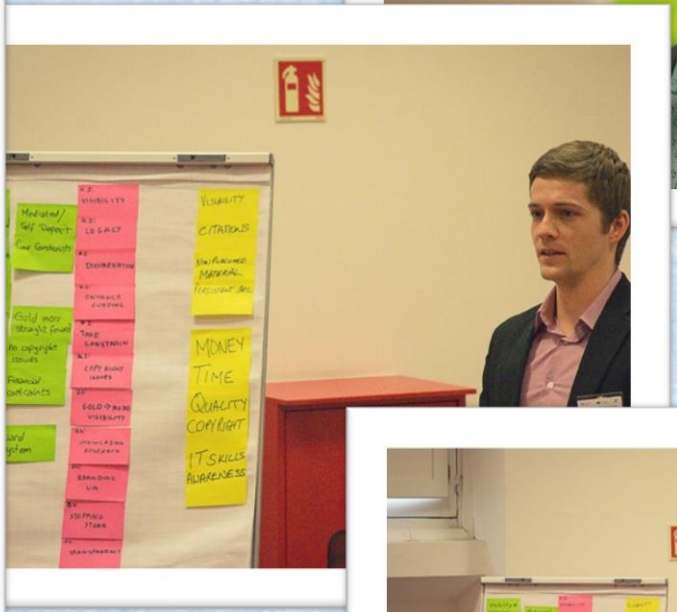
Start early with an explicit plan

Keep it up to date"

Participants

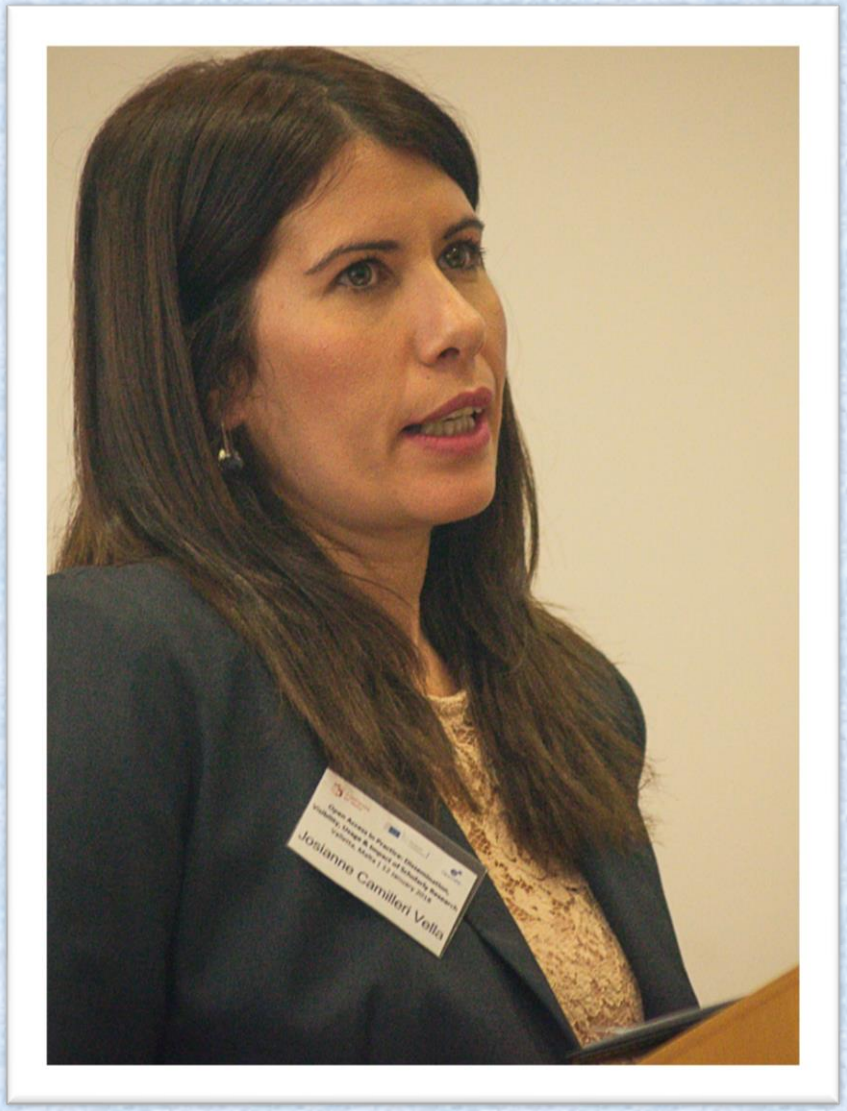
Report on Breakout Session





Concluding Remarks

Ms Josianne Camilleri Vella - Deputy Director Library Services, University of Malta



"… it is vital that policies be developed and all key stakeholders including the publishing industry, academics, librarians, policy makers, research councils and funding organisations work together towards practical implementation"