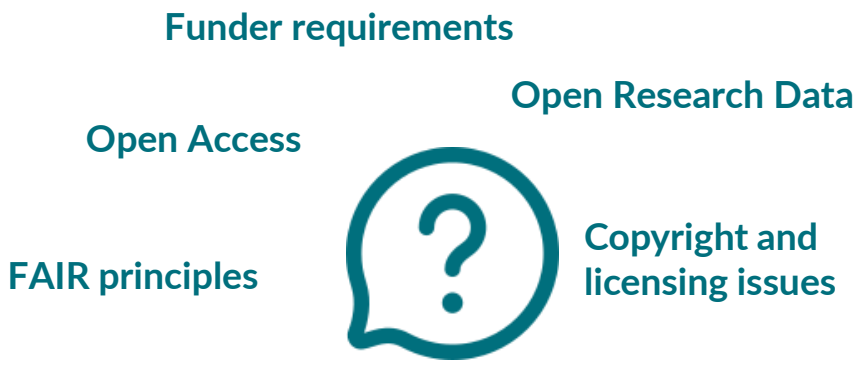
Opening Doors to Open Science: A Welcome Kit Designed for Sharing

ULiège Open Science Day

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Why an Open Science Welcome Kit ?

- Researchers face increasing Open Science requirements
- We already provide many services, training activities and online resources
- Information is available but can be overwhelming, scattered, and difficult to navigate.



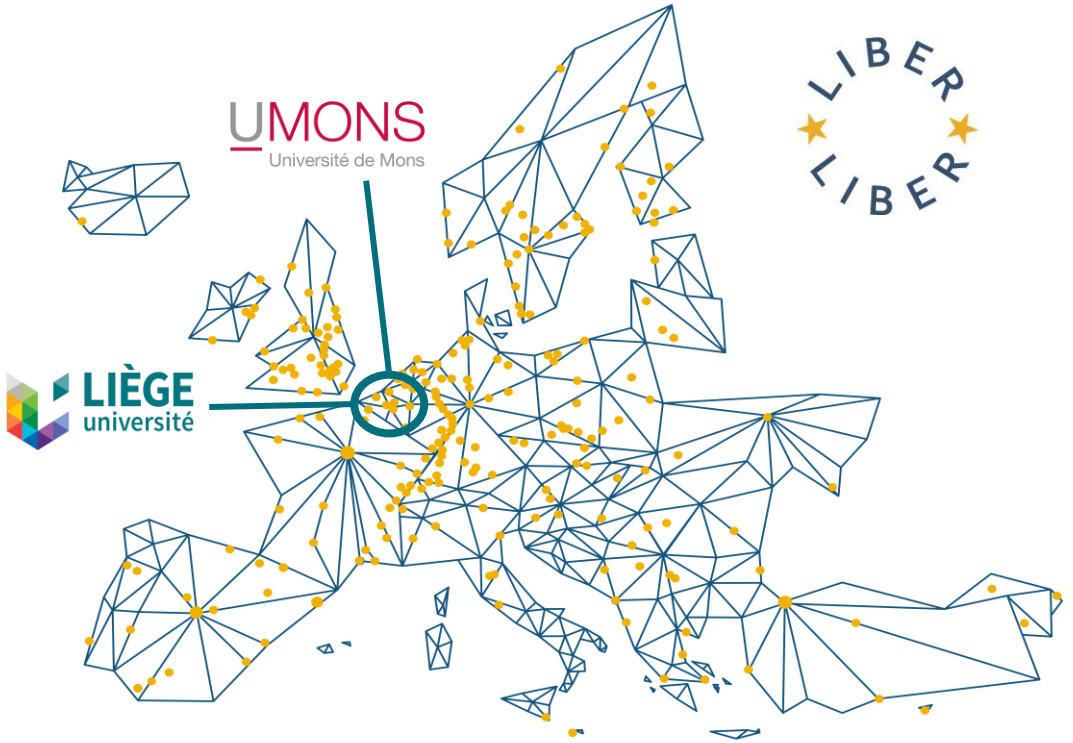
Newcomers often struggle with a simple question: **"Where should I start?"**

Need for a simple entry point to make better use of available resources

A Collaborative Project

- ULiège and UMONS collaboration
  - shared experience through ORBi
  - same Open Access policies
  - similar challenges when supporting researchers

- Project supported through the LIBER Europe Cascading Grants Programme → developing a resource that goes beyond a single institution



Benefits

- Avoid duplicating work
- Create higher-quality material
- Ensure more consistent messages
- Optimise the use of staff time and expertise

The Open Science Welcome Kit

- 6 factsheets covering key Open Science topics:
  1. What is Open Science?
  2. Open Access
  3. Self-archiving in an institutional repository
  4. Open Data
  5. Open Source
  6. Training and support services

- Three principles guided the design:

  Concise • Visual • Practical



Provides essential Open Science information

Guides researchers to relevant resources and further guidance

Connects researchers with available support services

Easy to adopt

At ULiège

A printed version for:

- Onboarding activities (Ethics and scientific integrity day)
- Doctoral training programmes (Let's start a PhD/Pars-en-thèse)
- Open Science workshops
- Welcome packs for new researchers

A PDF version to be distributed online.

The Welcome Kit directs researchers to openscience.uliege.be for further information, resources and support.

Easily integrated into existing institutional channels

Reusable by design

The Open Science Welcome Kit was designed as a modular and reusable framework that can be adopted, adapted and improved by other institutions.

The kit is :

- openly available on Zenodo
- distributed under a CC BY-SA licence
- provided in an editable format
- accompanied by adaptation guidelines

Expected Benefits

Researchers

- Easier onboarding
- Clearer understanding of key Open Science concepts
- Faster access to resources and support services
- Reduced information overload through curated guidance

Institutions

- Easier adoption of Open Science practices
- Better visibility of Open Science support services and training opportunities
- Stronger Open Science culture

Libraries and Research Support Services

- Time savings through shared and reusable materials
- Opportunities for inter-institutional collaboration
- More efficient use of staff expertise

Thanks!

Access the Open Science Welcome Kit

All feedback, suggestions and adaptation ideas are warmly welcome.