

Nereus and its NEEO Project

A library consortium serving a specific subject-community can reap results with institutional repositories

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BACKGROUND

- Nereus - the international consortium of academic research libraries with strengths in economics - is driving NEEO, the new subject repository project funded by the EC
- Its members are top research institutions in their field
- 21 members from over 10 countries are participating in NEEO
- An innovative organisational model sustains the service by using membership fees

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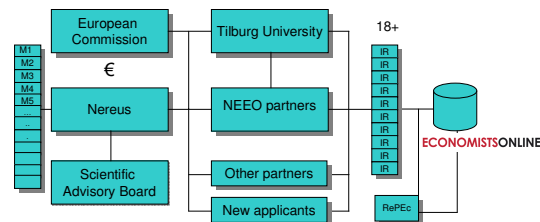
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ENHANCING COMPETENCIES

- Partners focus on increasing efficiency by co-operating on
 - managerial
 - technical
 - legal, and
 - administrative tasks
- They are developing skills sets in the repository and economics information communities which no one institution could hope to acquire on its own
- Collaboration on common projects increases R&D and cost-effectiveness

Organisational model



Statistics

At 1 July 2009

- over 700,000 bibliographic records
- c 300,000 full texts, increasing daily
- 400 authors' online publication lists
- All from NEEO partner libraries plus RePEc

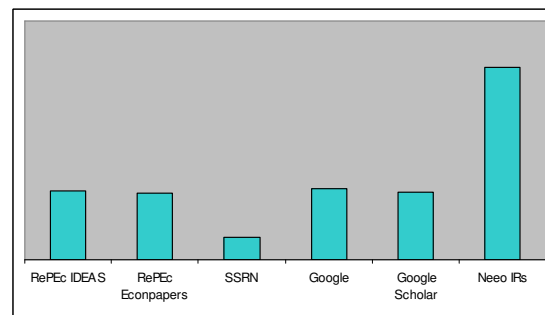
INCREASED COST-EFFICIENCY

- Libraries, researchers, their departments, & management information systems feed the system. Libraries serve as the backbone
- Distributed digital library expertise is stimulating repository growth and bringing more cost-effective added value services
- Good practices in repository content recruitment and service development are shared thereby saving valuable resources

IMPROVING FACULTY RELATIONS

- Collaborating with faculty and building on current partnerships to make research more visible
- Bringing more understanding to research needs and priorities
- Influencing and supporting policy development, especially in open access
- Raising awareness in the areas of copyright and data storage and retrieval

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