

# MEASURING OPEN ACCESS USAGE

## AN OVERVIEW OF COOPERATING EUROPEAN PROJECTS

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### SURE NETHERLANDS

The project SURE (Statistics on the Usage of Repositories) is led by a group of three Dutch universities, and is funded by SURFfoundation. The main objective of the project is to implement a national infrastructure for the accumulation and the exchange of usage data.

The results of statistical analyses of these data will become available via web services, and will also be exposed via the national Dutch research portal NARCIS.



PIRUS 2 project website  
<http://www.cranfieldlibrary.cranfield.ac.uk/pirus2/>

COUNTER project website  
<http://www.projectcounter.org>



SURE project website  
<http://www.surffoundation.nl/en/projecten/Pages/SURE.aspx>

OAS project website  
<http://www.dini.de/projekte/oa-statistik/english/>



Knowledge Exchange Usage Statistics Group  
<http://www.knowledge-exchange.info/Default.aspx?ID=365>

### OAS GERMANY

OAS (Open Access Statistics) has created a sustainable infrastructure to collect and exchange usage data between different agents, focussing on open access repositories. It established a reliable standard in order to gather statistics, based on rule sets such as COUNTER.

By now OAS strives for a second funding phase which will focus on international cooperation and the extension of the OAS infrastructure by integrating further repositories.

Manchester

Oxford

Cranfield

Southampton

### PIRUS UNITED KINGDOM

PIRUS 2 builds on the standards already established by COUNTER and on the results of the original PIRUS project (Publisher and Institutional Repository Usage Statistics), which demonstrated that it is technically feasible to create record and consolidate usage statistics for individual articles using data from repositories and publishers, despite the diversity of organizational and technical environments in which they operate.

Groningen

Leiden

Amsterdam

Leiden

Göttingen

Berlin

Saarbrücken

Stuttgart

### KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE DENMARK, GERMANY, NETHERLANDS, UNITED KINGDOM

Knowledge Exchange (KE) is a cooperative of Denmark's Electronic Research Library (DEFF), the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG; German Research Society), SURFfoundation in the Netherlands, and the Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) in the UK. These partners share the vision of bringing European research together by making a layer of scholarly and scientific content openly available and creating the building blocks for an outstanding European information environment.

The members of the KE Usage Statistics Workgroup, which also include the projects RePEc and NEEQ, have met in several workshops where they addressed the usage and interoperability of statistics regarding the retrieval of scholarly information, articulated studies and cooperative initiatives, and agreed to a common set of guidelines. An important element of these guidelines is a consolidated robot filtering list to be used by all related projects, which is already available online.