



Key benefits to a library and its users in joining Nereus January 2008

1. Added-value service provision

- Help to create and influence the development of a major international subject-based digital library for economics
- Work with other excellent libraries to bring your researchers and students time-saving and added-value services
- Bring new and unique content to the desktop of your user, e.g. the academic output of leading economists, a collection of working papers of the world's leading economics research institutions, and new unlicensed and possibly licensed content.
- Develop further personalised services

2. Europe-wide library co-operation for cost-effectiveness

- Pool expertise and avoid duplication of effort, e.g. IT development, institutional repository development, metadata creation for indexing individual working papers, access management to electronic resources
- Free access to IBSS Online (normally over 2000 euros per annum)
- Free long-term preservation of Economists Online (NEEO Project) by the Royal Dutch Library in the Hague

3. Europe-wide co-operation for library development and innovation

- Keep abreast of state-of-the-art developments in Europe
- Influence the quality, coverage, accessibility, copyright and licensing issues of commercial or other information providers at an international level
- Exchange knowledge amongst peers
- Deal with common challenges collectively
- Participate in and benefit from nationally funded projects in Nereus member libraries, such as Economists Online (Netherlands, led by Tilburg) and Versions (UK, led by LSE)
- Contribute to and benefit from Nereus' flagship project, NEEO, a 2-million euros development part-funded by the EC. NEEO is building a 50 000 article open access repository of economics research outputs, much of it in full text
- Contribute to the creation/adoption of international standards for description and retrieval of resources across Europe

4. Personnel development

- Development of innovative library skills to serve researchers, teachers and students through staff exchanges and workshops on such topics as international scholarly portals, datasets and open access repositories
- Contribute to discussions for informed decisions surrounding portal technology, management of online access (authentication, authorisation, personalisation), content selection, metadata and thesaurus creation, and delivery to users

5. Increase the profile of your library, university and its research output

- Gain a higher profile for your library by virtue of being in an alliance of international universities of high repute
- Showcase the research output of your institution's economics researchers (e.g. via your institutional archives and databases of working papers and pre-prints) alongside other excellent European research in Economists Online
- Showcase PhD student output, thereby assisting them in building networks and the disseminating of their work

As of 31 January 2008, current members are (in alphabetical order):

Charles University in Prague, CERGE
Erasmus University Rotterdam
German National Library of Economics/Kiel Institute for the World Economy
Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
London School of Economics and Political Science
Maastricht University
Monash University
Sciences Po
Tilburg University
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
Université Catholique de Louvain
Université Libre de Bruxelles
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University College Dublin
University College London
University of Geneva
University of Oxford
University of Warwick
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