Croatian Academic and Research Libraries Consortium: Next step - Openness

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**Consortium lead and administration:**
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**Established:** April 2015

**Members:** all Croatian public scientific and higher education institutions

**Funding:** EU Social Fund, State budget

**EU project:** Increasing the access to electronic resources of scientific and technical information - e-sources (2016-2021)

**Portal:** baze.nsk.hr

**Subscribed e-sources:**
2016 – 37
2017 – 33
2018 – 27
2019 – 25
2020 – 22

*Note:* the number of subscribed databases is declining because the Advisory Committee made a turnaround and started subscribing to several primary journals, which resulted in the first transformative contracts.

**Workshop participants:** 133 librarians, more than 600 students and scientists

**User needs analysis**
Ensuring conditions for the publication of papers by Croatian scientists in the open

**Contracts on access to relevant e-sources and on the publication of papers by Croatian scientists in open access at no cost**

**Promotion of the consortium, individual goals and services, clear communication with the public**

**Cooperation with other Library services at the national level**
(bibliometric services, thematic searches, national and institutional repositories, DOI,...)

**Communication and dissemination of results to the relevant actors**
(National Science Foundation, National Science Council, Ministry of Science and Educatoin, higher education institutions, Rectors’ Council, librarians and information experts,...)

**Education of users in the system of science and higher education - from undergraduates to full professors**