Scientific Library Services and Information Systems (LIS)

Information Supply and Provision



Discipline-Specific Information Services (Link)

Goal: establishment and expansion of specialised information services
Scope: provision of subject-specific information services and creating informational frameworks tailored to the research needs of particular scientific communities, provision of information on a national level irrespective of institutional affiliation, joint development of an overarching and networked information infrastructure



Digitisation and Indexing (Link)

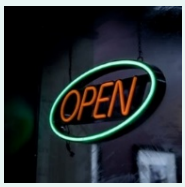
Goal: digitisation and / or indexing of collections
Scope: handwritten and printed documents, non-textual object collections including audio and / or visual media, born digital data, application of new methods for digitisation and indexing

Publishing and Licensing



Infrastructures for Scholarly Publishing (Link)

Goal: support the transition to Open Access
Scope: structures for transitioning to Open Access (developing models and standardising agreements), Open Access infrastructures (e. g. publishing platforms), developing and implementing techniques and procedures for scholarly publishing, launching and further developing open access journals



Open Access Publication Funding (Link) – Last Proposal Submission in 2027

Goal: structural adaptations in financial flows for the Open Access (OA) transformation (→ Only research institutions, not individuals, may apply for funding)
Scope: improving transparency regarding the costs for OA publication through monitoring, supporting OA financing, transition towards the principle of financial responsibility for open access publications arising from DFG-funded research



Open Access Publication Grant (Link) – First Proposal Submission in 2027

Goal: institutional funding of open access publications
Scope: allowances towards the cost of publishing research articles and scholarly books in open access

Research Data and Software



Information Infrastructures for Research Data (Link)

Goal: enabling, improving and further developing research data management
Scope: information infrastructures for research data management (preparation, storage, publication etc. of research data), organizational, advisory, and networking structures, financing and operating models, training and education measures



e-Research Technologies (Link)

Goal: support research that relies on digital information and data by means of techniques and methods
Scope: tools, methods to access and utilise, to process and evaluate, as well as to safeguard scientifically relevant information, organisational structures and financing models, training measures as well as (further-)development of highly mature and widely used research software



Research Software Infrastructures (Link)

Goal: develop, establish or organise infrastructures for research software
Scope: technical services and products, solutions, environments or processes, social aspects with regard to development, expansion and operation, skills development for researchers or research software engineers as well as for members of infrastructure facilities

Cooperating and Networking



Coordinating Roles and Responsibilities in Information Infrastructures (Link)

Goal: creating solutions to challenges in the establishment and development of research-related information infrastructure and in safeguarding its operation on a permanent basis
Scope: stimulate the processes of self-organization, promote networking, coordination and cooperation between researchers and information infrastructure institutions, establish and professionalize self-governing structures