

Göttingen, 20 September 2012

Invitation to **OpenAIRE Conference “Enlightenment in the Knowledge Society”**  
Göttingen, 21/22 November 2012

Dear Madame/Sir,

The OpenAIRE consortium has the pleasure to invite you to its second Conference on November 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012. The conference will present the results of the OpenAIRE project which supports the European Commission’s FP7 Open Access Pilot. OpenAIRE is the only eInfrastructure mentioned in the recently published Communication “Towards better access to scientific information” of the European Commission.

The event will feature a picture of the open access & supporting infrastructure landscape in Europe and offer views ranging from researcher’s views on scientific information, to the role of data infrastructures, research institutions and funders. This will offer a fitting context to Horizon 2020, where open access will be a general principle for all European research programmes. The programme will also give insight into the OpenAIREplus project, which will link publications to research data, enabling seamless access to scientific knowledge.

The meeting is organized by OpenAIRE and OpenAIREplus, with the support of the Directorate Generals for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (CONNECT) and Research and Innovation (RTD). Invitees are decision makers and other stakeholders in research from all EU Member States and further Associated countries.

The event is co-hosted by Göttingen University, founded in 1734 during the Enlightenment. Göttingen’s spirit of learning has been transferred to the 21<sup>st</sup> century by the promotion of open access successfully both in Europe and internationally.

The Conference will send the right signal to the European community at a time, where the Commission’s Communication & Recommendation on Scientific Information are discussed in European member states.



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You will find the registration form and more information about the conference at our website <http://www.openaire.eu/en/conference2012>. We would very much appreciate your registration. The OpenAIRE community will be delighted to welcome you in Göttingen.

Yours sincerely,

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