



At the crossroads of
University libraries, Central IT-services
and Teaching & Learning centres:

Combining different Opens

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- **Knowledge transfer** in the context of institutional anchoring of OER for the Austrian Higher Education Sector
- Focus: Identifying and exploiting **synergies** from Open Science and Open Education
- Projectmanagement **Open Education Austria Advanced**
- Part of the **Digital Teaching** Team of CTL, Uni Vienna
- Professional and academic background at the **interface of Computer Science, Didactics and Library & Information Studies**





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Let's start the journey through the different perspectives ...

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2. EU
3. Austria
4. University of Vienna



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*OER can **promote and reinforce knowledge sharing and collaboration** between stakeholders implementing the SDGs. OER can be used to **increase access to learning** for those living in unfavourable circumstances, and can also be used to address issues of cost, quality, and equity.*

*OER are presently **being actively used** in all sectors of education including literacy, vocational, and adult education, as well as with immigrants and refugees (with prior learning assessment and recognition).*

*OER can be **instrumental in improving the quality** of education through open curriculum development.*

*OER are **digital**; the world **economy** is digital.*

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- New generation metrics
- Mutual learning exercise on open science - altmetrics and rewards
- Future of scholarly communication
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Educational skills

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Open Science/Education skills

*It is critical to ensure that researchers at all levels have access to professional development and the appropriate skills to **fully engage with Open Science**. This professional development must be tailored for all four research stages (R1 to R4), whereby middle and senior career researchers need to take leadership and act as catalysts to change the culture of doing research. This **change in mind-set** and culture, backed up with **modernising the higher education sector**, in turn, must be **supported** by universities/research institutions, funding agencies and underpinned by European, **regional and national policy**. (p. 5)*

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Open Science/Education skills

*In order to **equip** researchers with the **appropriate skills to facilitate Open Science**, it is crucial to first **promote more awareness** of Open Science practices, particularly Open Access, Open Data, **Open Education**, Open Peer Review and Citizen Science. (p. 29)*

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*The aspect of **how knowledge is communicated** is also inseparably linked to an open society and an open science. The dissemination of knowledge is closely **linked** to the concept of Open Data.*

*With reference to the statements made under "Skills and Education" and in the light of the recent Sars Cov 2 pandemic, the **opening of learning resources** is of increased importance. (p. 16)*

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- Rewards and incentives (Rewards and incentives)
- Research indicators and next-generation metrics
- Future of scholarly communication
- European Open Science Cloud EOSC
- FAIR data
- Research integrity
- **Skills and education**
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Skills and education

*All researchers in Europe should develop the skills necessary to apply **Open Science practices** and, where appropriate, receive support to do so.*



OER in the OS Policy Austria

- making learning materials created in Austria in whatever form publicly accessible and in open formats using established open data standards
- First step: link the relevant repositories
- make learning content available to the scientific community & make learning more flexible and adapt it to individual needs
- Forum New Media Austria (fnma) "Recommendations for the Integration of Open Educational Resources at Universities in Austria"



OER in the OS Policy Austria

- **"Open Education Austria Advanced"** is concerned with the implementation of a corresponding infrastructure
- Universities are **called upon to**
 - create **infrastructures** for storing OER
 - **share** them with others
- **Staff working at universities** should be encouraged to post their content and share it in open formats where possible and appropriate.

Digital transformation in the higher education sector

- Actively shaping digital change
- Improving the quality of higher education with better use of digital technologies
- Opening up and expand access to science and research
- Making workflows at universities more efficient and individually adaptable

Requirements of

- Digital teaching
- Open Education
- Open Science

Digital transformation in the higher education sector

Universität Wien	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open Education Austria Advanced – OER-Gesamtpaket für österreichische Hochschulen• AT2OA² – Austrian Transition to Open Access Two• Digitize! Computational Social Sciences in der digitalen und sozialen Transformation• Teaching Digital Thinking – Strategien zur Konzeption, Vermittlung, Dynamisierung und nachhaltigen Implementierung
Universität Graz	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digitale Transformation der österreichischen Geisteswissenschaften• Aufbau eines Forschungszentrums für Inklusive Bildung
Universität Innsbruck	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CodeAbility Austria – Digital unterstützte Programmierausbildung an österreichischen Universitäten
Medizinische Universität Wien	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digital Skills, Knowledge & Communication für Studierende der Humanmedizin
Medizinische Universität Graz	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mikroskop-basierte Lehre in der Medizin 2.0
Medizinische Universität Innsbruck	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digitale Mikroskopie für die Studierenden der Humanmedizin/Zahnmedizin und Molekularen Medizin
Universität Salzburg	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Austrian Neuro Cloud• On Track – Aktiv Studieren durch die Verknüpfung Sozialer und Digitaler Welten
TU Wien	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RIS Synergy• Austrian DataLAB and Services• eInformatics@Austria• PASSt – Predictive Analytics Services für Studien-erfolgsmanagement• Digitale Landwirtschaft – Interuniversitäres PhD-Kolleg und digitale Versuchsfarmen
TU Graz	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• iMooX – die MOOC-Plattform als Service für alle österreichischen Universitäten• Learning Analytics – Studierende im Fokus

TU Graz	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digital University Hub – Digitale Serviceplattform für praxiserprobte Methoden, Instrumente, technische Tools und die Dissemination für Transformationsvorhaben von Hochschulen• Digital Blueprint-Entwicklung einer konzeptionellen und technologischen Basis für die Digitalisierung des österreichischen Hochschulraums• AUT – Austrian University Toolkit – Entwicklung eines digitalen Baukastens aus IT-Tools und Applikationen für die Digitalisierung der Hochschulverwaltung• FAIR Data Austria
Montanuniversität Leoben	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TransIT – Digitale Transformation im Tief- und Tunnelbau
WU Wien	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobile First for Students• Virtual Learning Experience Space
Universität Linz	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MathSkillTest – Formative Math-Skill-Testing for Promoting MINT-Studies• TRANSFORM – Digitale und soziale Transformation mittels neuer Wege in Forschung und universitärer Bildung
Universität Klagenfurt	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DigiFit4All – Das personalisierte Curriculum im Bereich Digitaler Kompetenzen• AHESN Next
Universität für angewandte Kunst Wien	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Image+ Platform for Open Art Education
Universität Mozarteum Salzburg	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• TRANSISTOR – Kunstgetriebene Innovation in digitaler Hochschulbildung, sozialer Transformation und Technologieentwicklung
Universität für künstlerische und industrielle Gestaltung Linz	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DigitalWerk
Akademie der bildenden Künste Wien	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zur Vielfalt ermutigen: Entwicklung einer prozessorientierten, sozial inklusiven Informations- und Kommunikationsplattform für künstlerische Studien
Donau-Universität Krems	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lehr- und Forschungsinfrastruktur für Digitale Künste an Hochschulen (LeFo)

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Open Education Austria Advanced

- Project of Austrian universities (2020-2024)
- Joint development of solutions for Open Educational Resources (OER) in Austrian HE
- Under cooperation of
 - Teaching & Learning Centres
 - Central IT-services
 - University libraries
- Contribution to the free use of educational content from teaching
- Establishment of open practices analogous to research (Open Access, Open Data)





Open Education Austria Advanced – Project objectives

- **OERhub** as a central meta-search engine for OER from the higher education sector
- Creation of local **infrastructures** at the partner universities
- Freely accessible **qualification** offers for OER
- OER **certification** for universities & teachers
- OER **production** workflow & legal issues
- **Knowledge transfer** & dissemination between participating and interested universities

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Open Education Austria Advanced – International cooperation



Comprehensive anchoring of
OER in higher education
teaching in Germany

Network: Exchange on OER
from the German-speaking
higher education area,
infrastructure & metadata



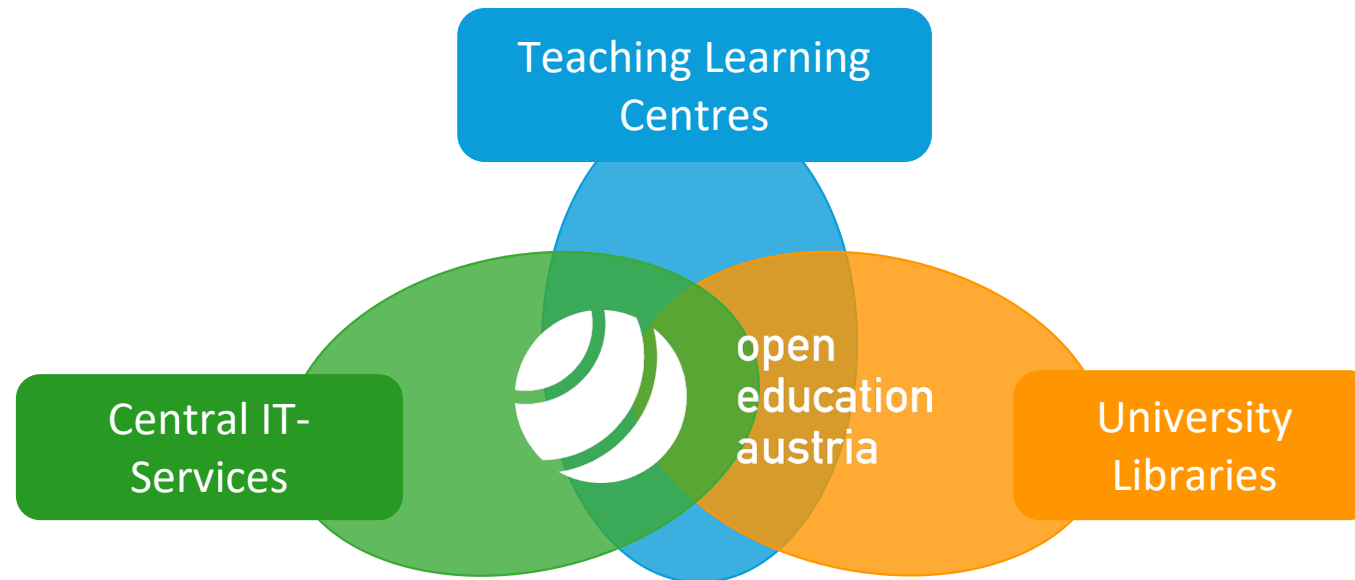
TF Upskilling countries to
engage in EOSC

Current developments in open science education,
exchange on qualification initiatives

TF Infrastructure for quality
research software

Requirements for research software, quality
improvement, software as a relevant research
result, recognition for developers and
maintainers

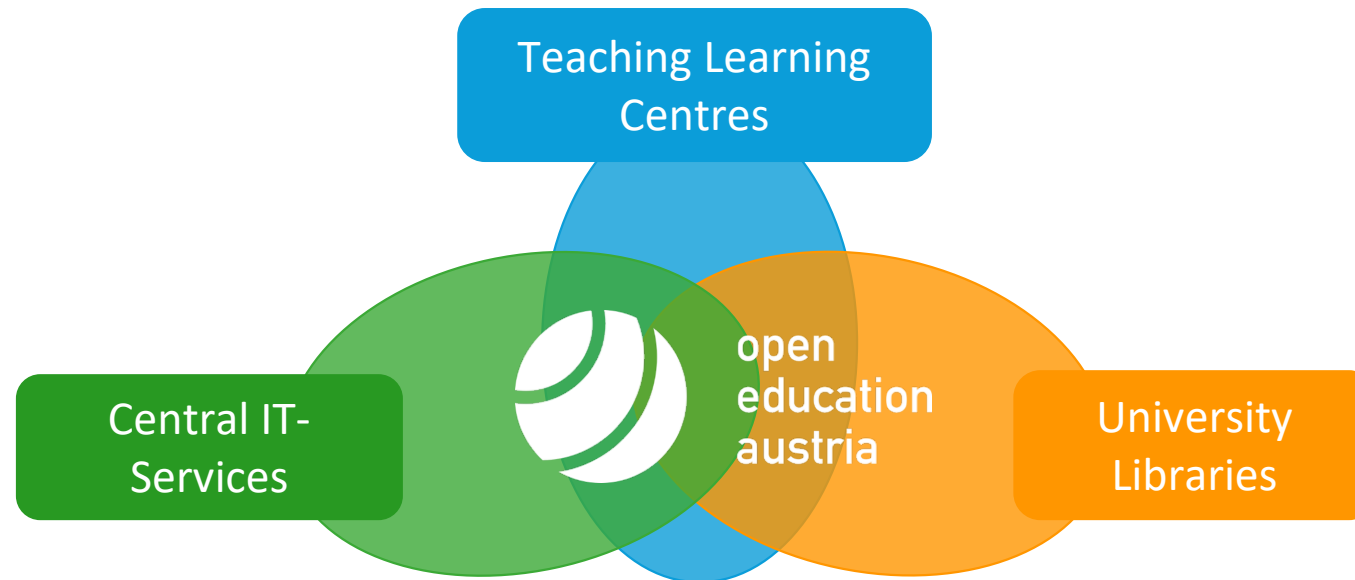
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openaccess.univie.ac.at
- Research Data Management Policy since 2021
rdm.univie.ac.at
- OER Policy since 2024
oer.univie.ac.at



OER from a “didactical” point of view

E-Learning Centres

Requirements

- sustainable anchoring of OER in mainstream education
- the further use and didactic development of free educational resources
- low-threshold content production
- Raising awareness of OER among teachers through internal university training programmes
- creating access to the OER produced
- Institutional OER policies

OER from a “technical” point of view

Central IT- Services

Requirements

- Storage and archiving of data / OER
- Establishment of appropriate infrastructure for research and teaching repositories
- Centralized search for OER in the higher education space across individual systems with different search options & filters
- Suitable software for an OER repository fit?
- Integration into the institutional system landscape
- User-friendly input masks
- Open Source <> Open Education

OER from a “librarian” point of view

University Libraries

Requirements

- Ensuring the long-term archiving of OER
- Appropriate data formats
- Standards for metadata schemas (OER LOM)
- Controlled Vocabularies
- Linking services for research and teaching
- Open Education <> Open Access

OER from an “end user” point of view

Teaching
faculty

Requirements

- low-threshold content production
- creating access to the OER produced
- the further use and didactic development of free educational resources
- internal university training programmes
- user-friendly production software
- FAQs or services for legal questions
- Media didactic consultations
- Institutional OER policies to give background & framework

OER from an “institutional” point of view

University management

Requirements

- Strategies: Demonstrate contribution of OER to achieving goals
- OER services: break down organizational barriers, promote cross-departmental cooperation
- Address staff in their role as researchers AND teaching faculty
- Encourage OER, provide incentives
- Promote integration of OER of different granularity into teaching
- OER policies & infrastructure



What we are doing right now ... among others in the context Open Education Austria Advanced

- steadily optimizing the **OERhub** as a central meta-search engine for OER from the Austrian higher education sector
- Use the local **infrastructures** at the partner universities and support others in setting up repositories
- freely accessible **qualification** for OER
- OER **certification** for universities & teachers
- OER **FAQ Service** for legal issues & media didactical consultation for teaching faculty
- OER **Production Service** & OER production workflow consultations for interested institutions
- **Knowledge transfer** & dissemination between participating and interested universities
- OER **Policy & strategy** publishing by Austrian HE institutions
- use **synergies** between Open Education and Open Science (interdisciplinary teams, shared knowledge, technical infrastructure etc.)

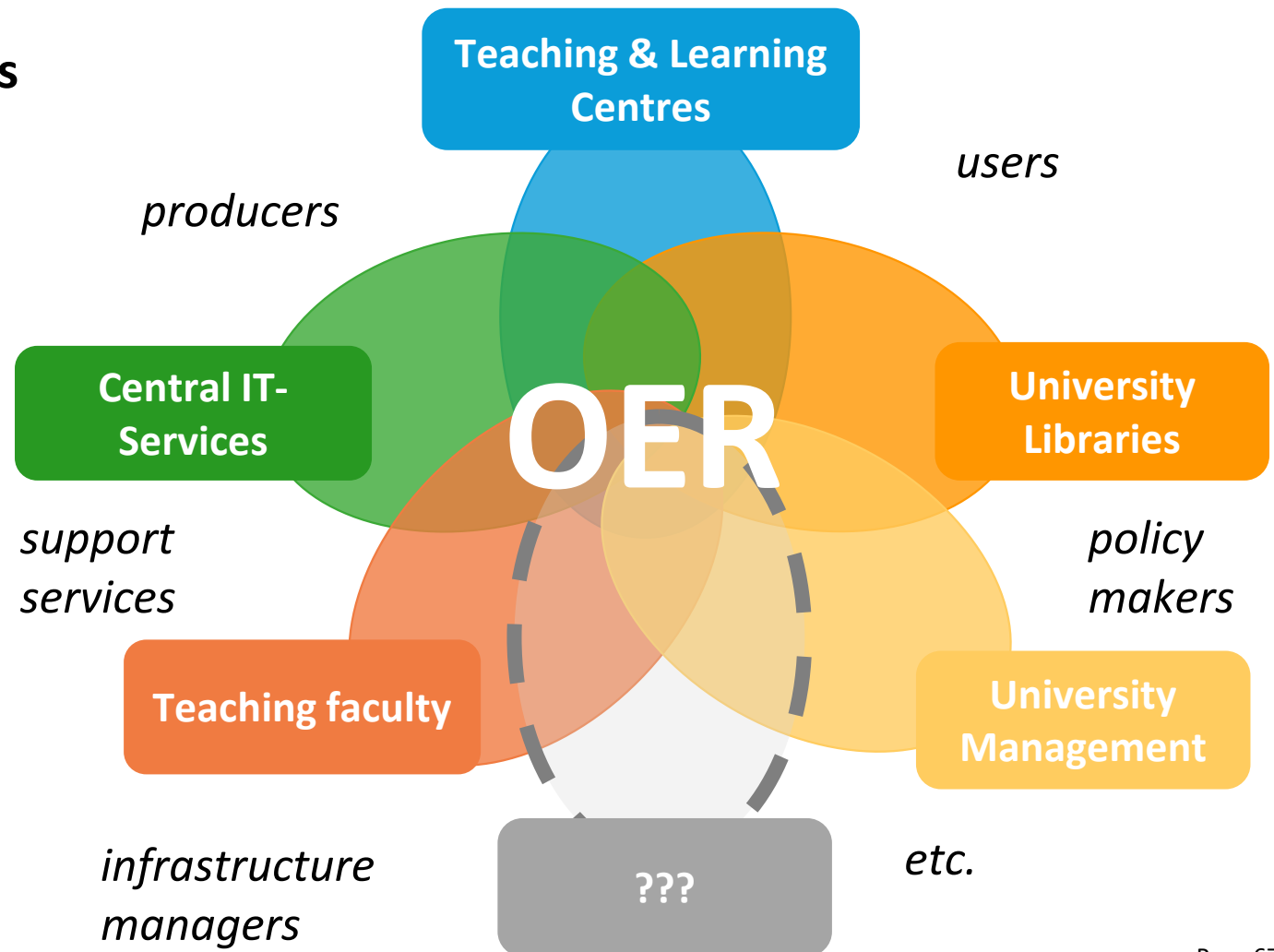
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What else do we need?

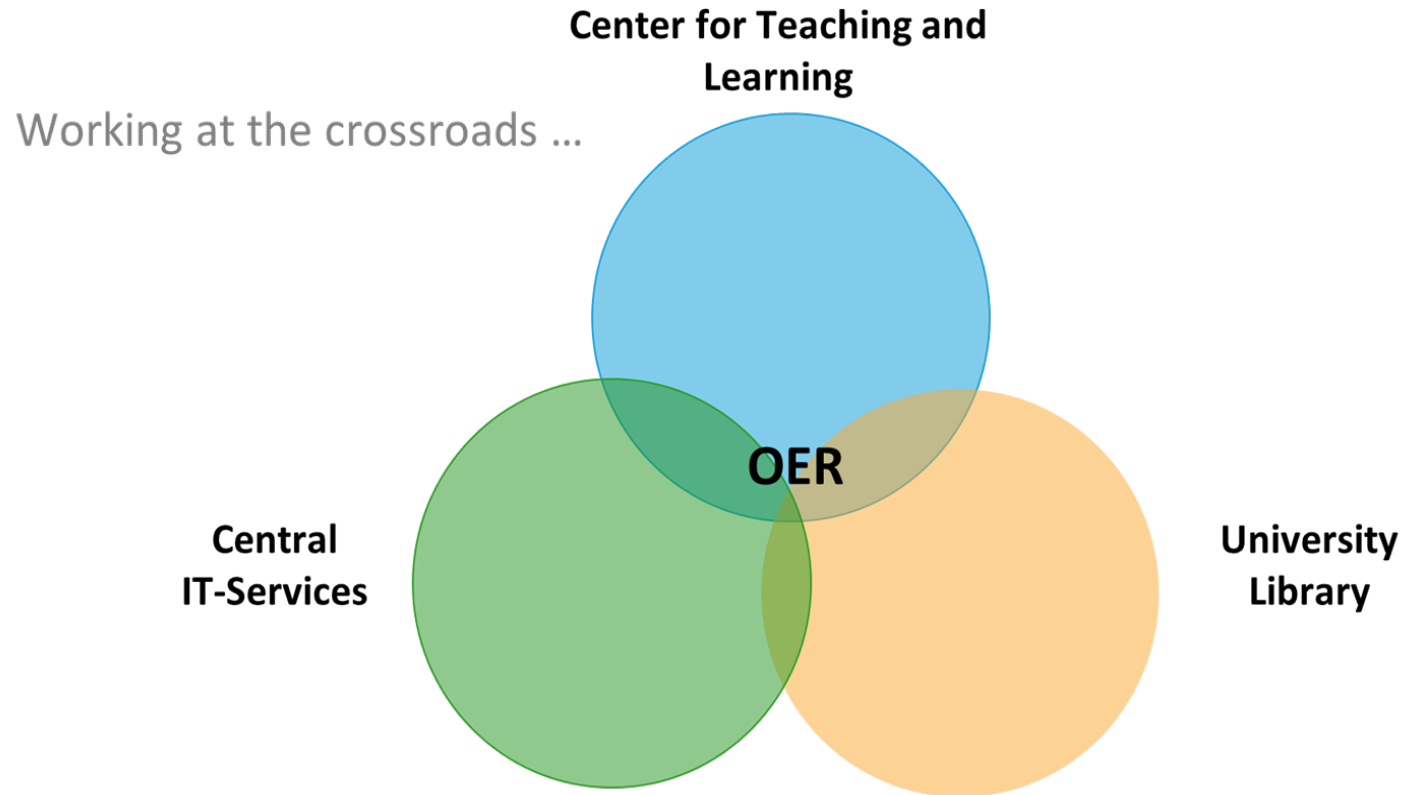
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... and many more perspectives ... in the evolving OER ecosystem



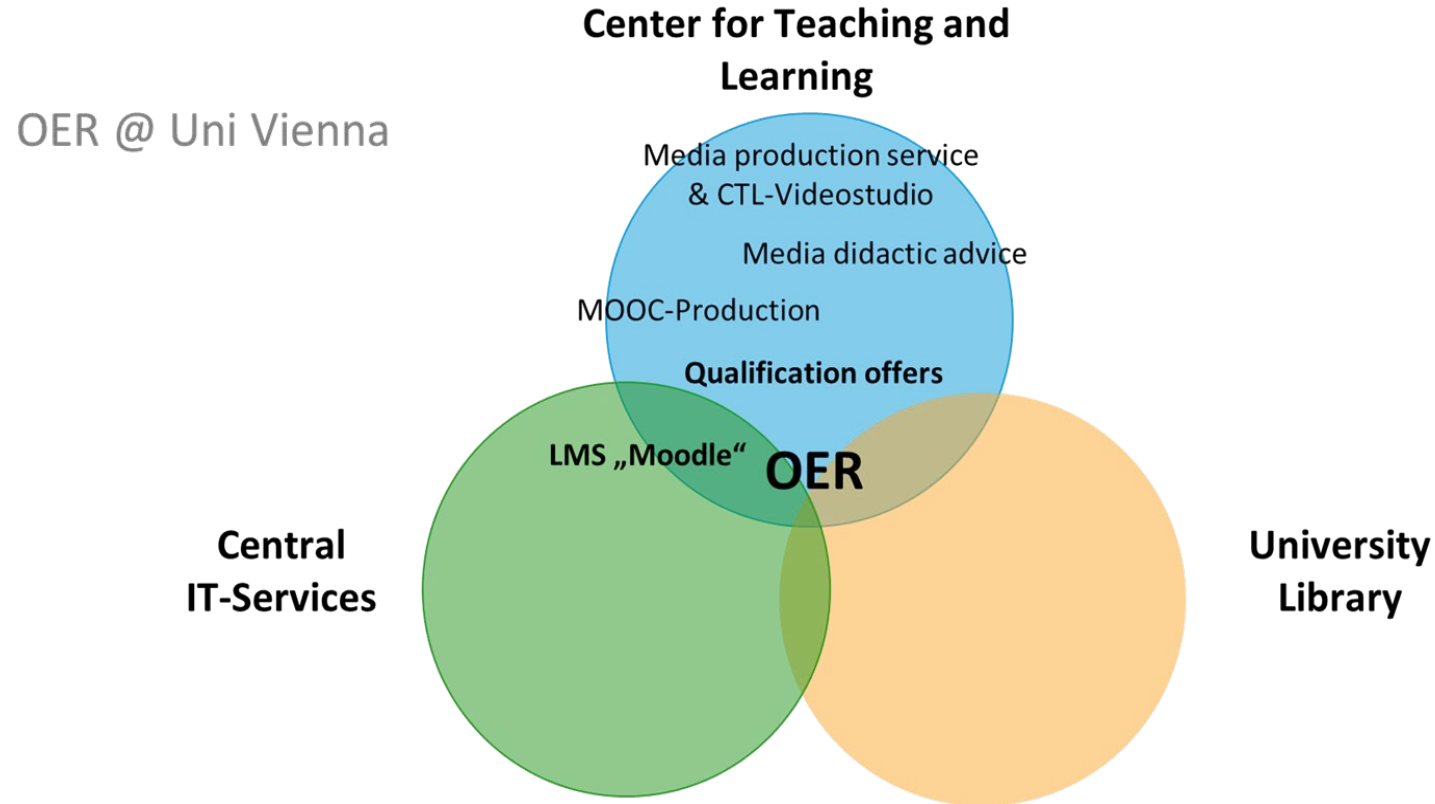


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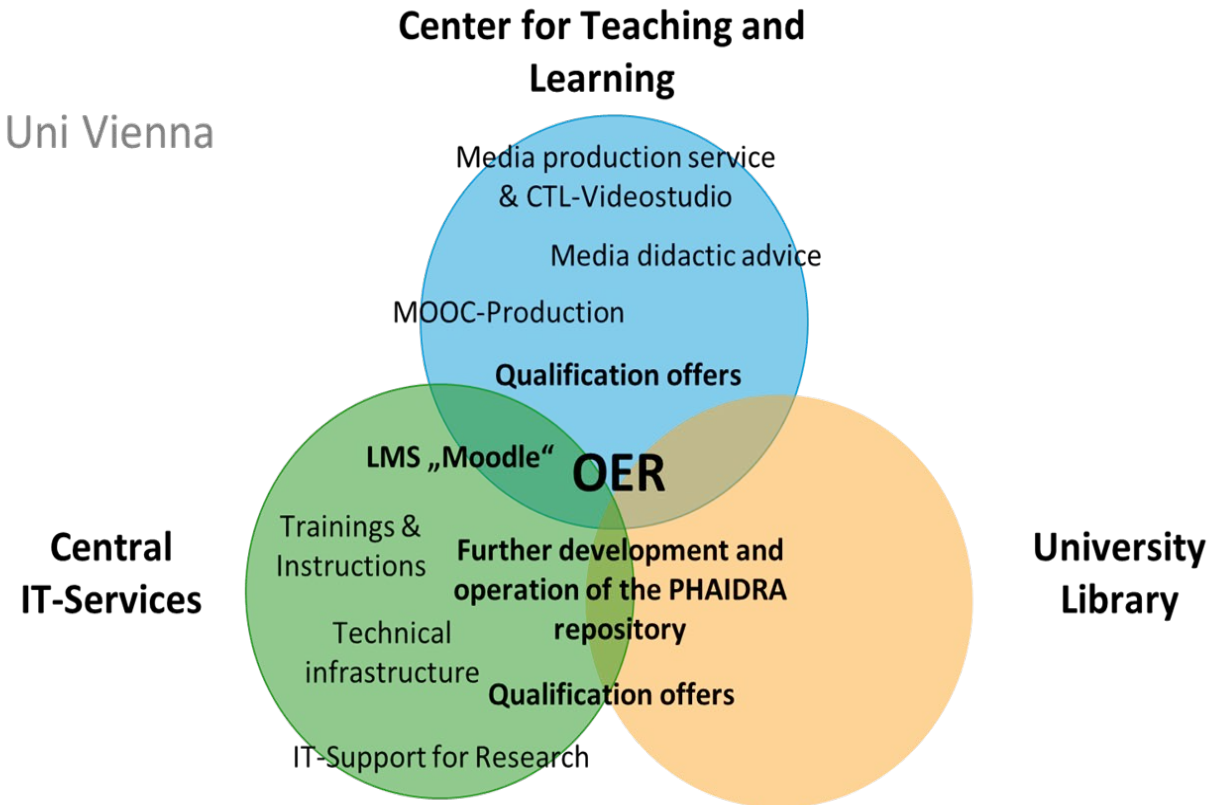
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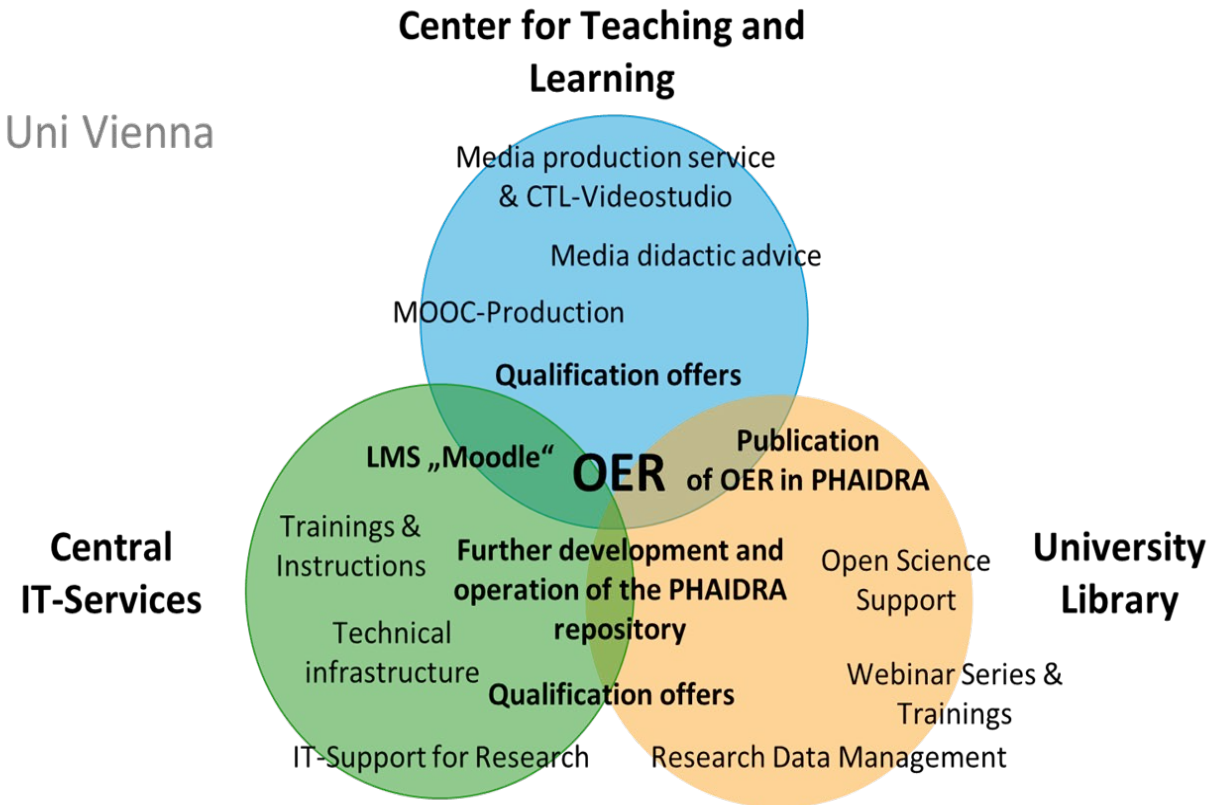
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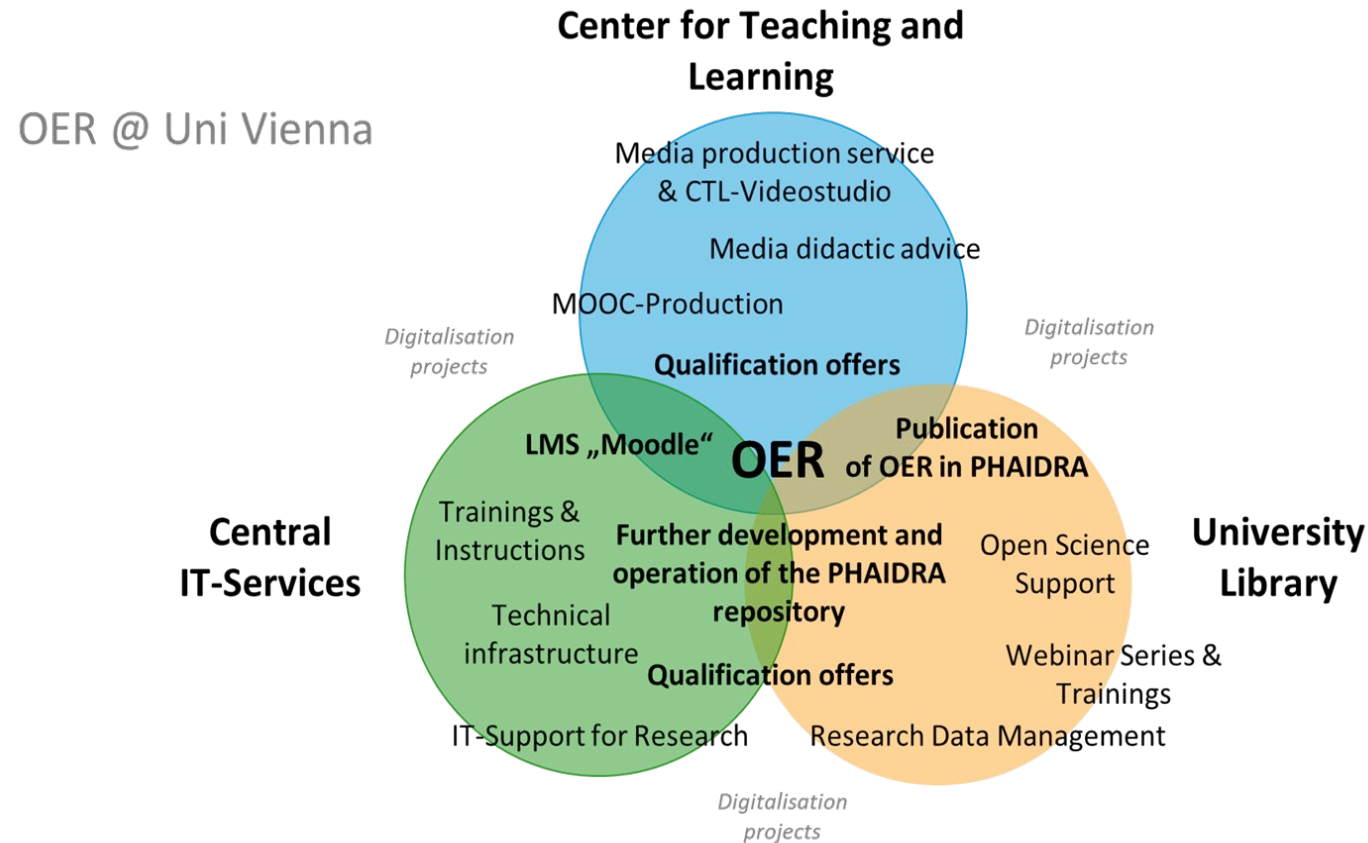




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