

# LA Referencia

## THE FEDERATED NETWORK OF LATIN AMERICAN OPEN SCIENCE REPOSITORIES

LA Referencia provides some essential elements for the development of the international Open Science ecosystem.

It was founded 10 years ago and brings together twelve countries along with RedCLARA, our regional research and education network. It provides a tool that facilitates the international harvesting, validation, and enrichment of metadata from repositories. It offers value-added services and responds to the interoperability challenges of the new OpenAIRE guidelines. This tool is increasingly being adopted outside of Latin America (Spain, Portugal, Africa). It addresses the growing need for integration with research management systems (CRIS) and aims to produce statistics to serve national decision-makers when evaluating research.

By supporting LA Referencia, you will help us develop new services such as a decentralised, sustainable and global persistent identifier service based on blockchain and extend the current usage statistics service to other infrastructures/regions contributing to a more equitable international publishing system.

## WHY HAS IT BEEN DEEMED AN ESSENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE?

LA Referencia enables open science as a public good through its federated network of open access institutional repositories in Latin America. It is governed and funded by Latin American governments and supports the implementation of Open Science policies. SCOSS funding will help develop two innovative services around sustainable persistent identifiers and usage statistics, promoting bibliodiversity, and the development of new indicators based on open science. LA Referencia is aligned with the SCOSS theme FAIR Open Access repository services.

## SCOSS FUNDING TARGET

# € 268,200

# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

This funding will help us accelerate two innovative services that plan to positively influence a more equitable research assessment system.

We recommend that you pledge an annual donation for a period of three years. Pledging for the full term of three years will provide the service with a secure financial foundation on its path to complete financial sustainability. Your pledge can either be paid in one lump sum, up-front, or on an annual basis.

Financial transactions will take place directly between the funding organisation and the service provider, and not via SCOSS. If you wish to support LA Referencia should contact them directly at [federico.cetrangolo@lareferencia.redclara.net](mailto:federico.cetrangolo@lareferencia.redclara.net).

## DONATION LEVELS

### ORGANISATION SIZE

Funding agencies

Large organisations from high-income countries

Small organisations from high-income countries

One or more consortia from low and middle-income countries and others with lower incomes

### ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION LEVEL

8,000 EUROS

4,000 EUROS

2,000 EUROS

2,000 EUROS

A 25% discount will be deducted from consortia that provide pledges from ten or more pledging member institutions.

## MORE INFORMATION

LA Referencia website: <https://www.lareferencia.info/>

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LA Referencia SCOSS Application Form: <https://sparceurope.org/download/10880/>

SCOSS website: [www.scoss.org](http://www.scoss.org)