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Open Science @ UniBO

- ✓ **Strong institutional commitment** driven by the European strategies, recommendations and funding programmes (H2020/HEurope)
- ✓ **Implementation of a policy** for open access of publications, data and doctoral theses (2017-2018)
- ✓ **Re-thinking the role of academic libraries:** research support
- ✓ **Need for rationalization** of resources and infrastructures



**Support services and infrastructures
development**

The University of Bologna in numbers (2018)

32

Departments

5

campuses

2.748

Academic staff

197 EU H2020 on-
going projects, 72

MIUR-PRIN projects, 80
research project on
regional structural funds.

86.509

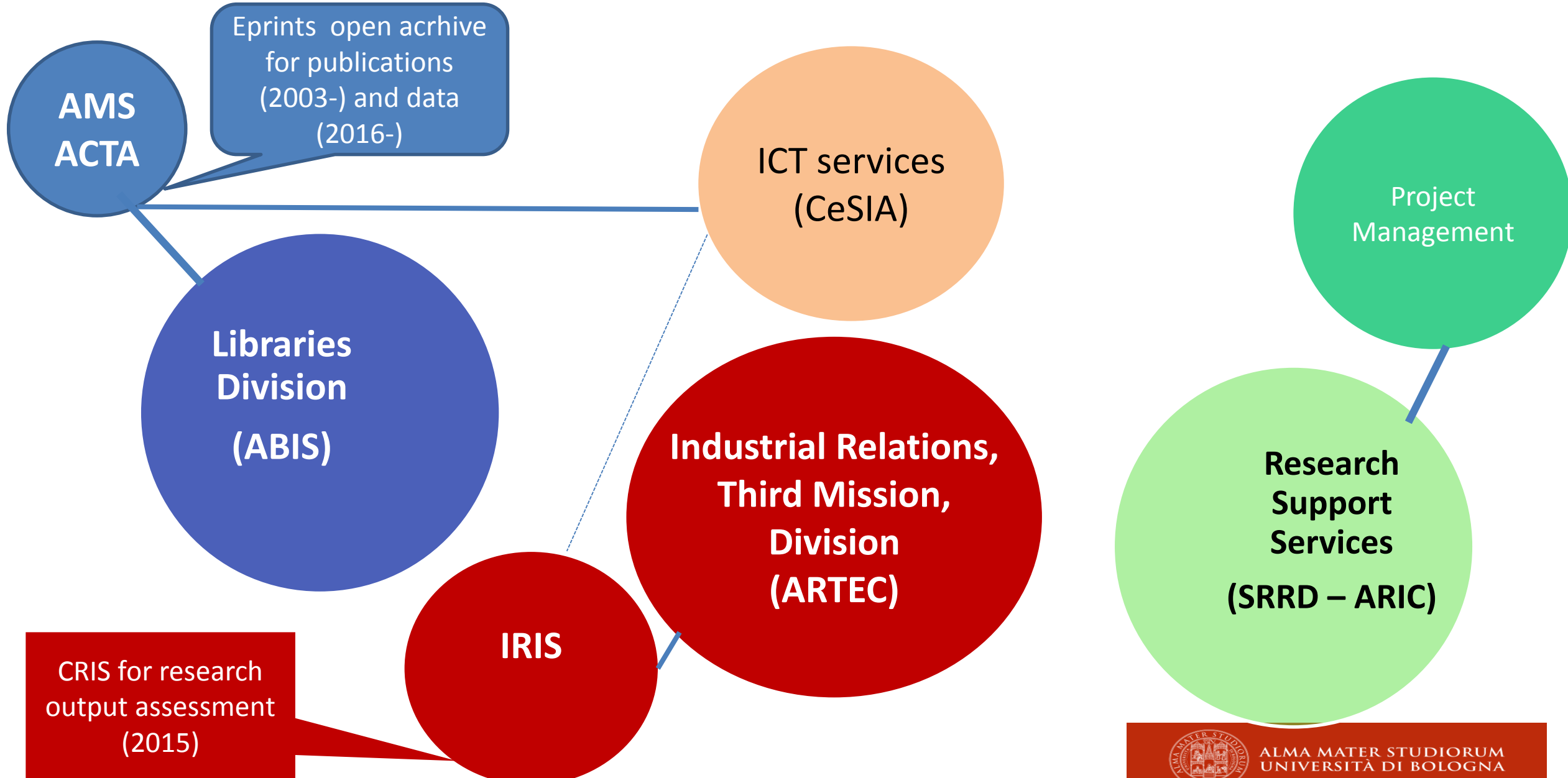
14.255 research items
in IRIS (2018)

2.967

Non-academic
staff

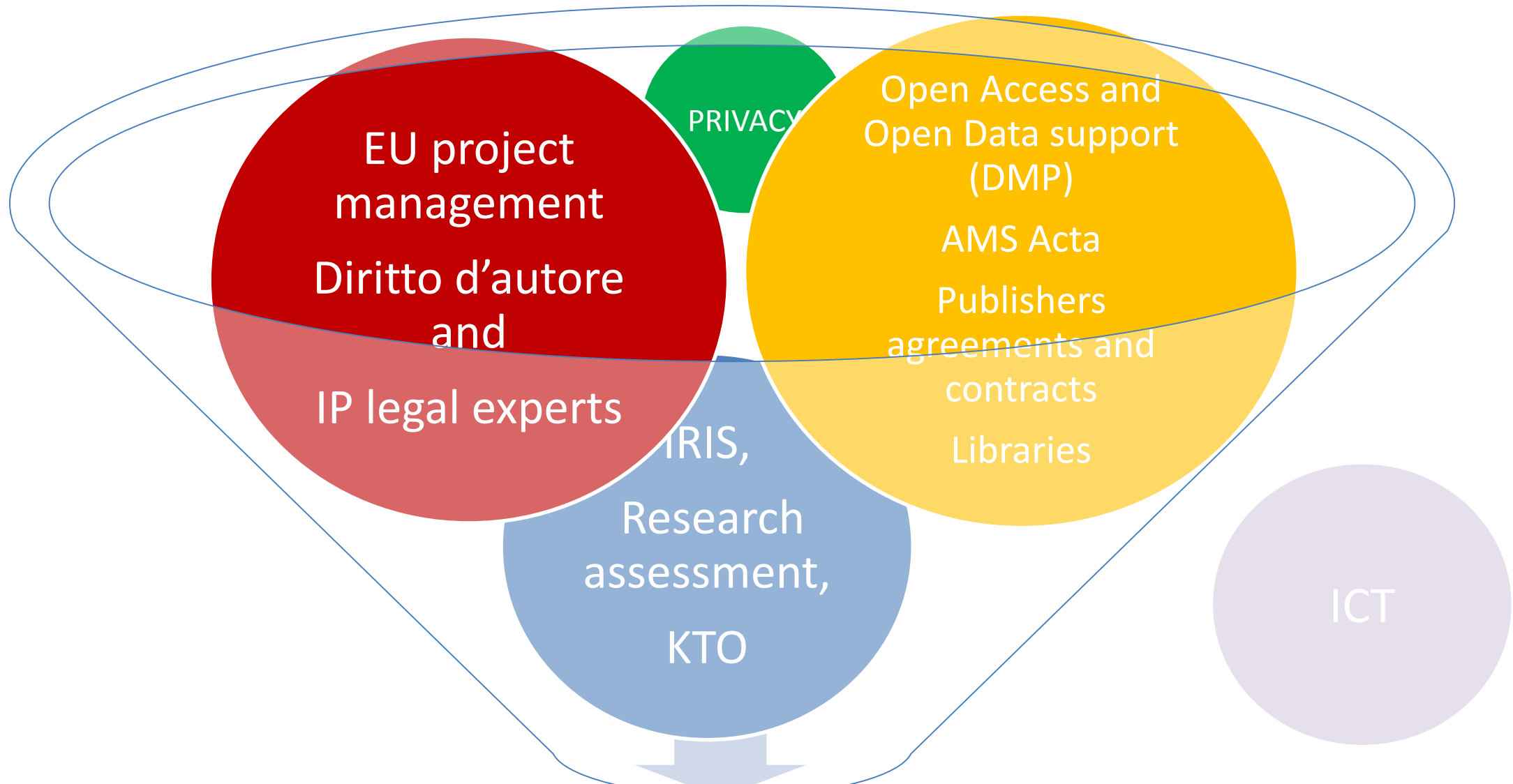


Fragmentation of competences and infrastructures



A «single point of entry» for Open Science

- **2018 transversal management goal involving all the above mentioned divisions (ABIS, ARTEC, SSRD-ARIS and CeSIA):**
 - definition of an organizational model to implement a support service for Open Science via a common service agreement



**Support service for OA and ORD in
H2020 projects**

New roles for libraries

Strengths:

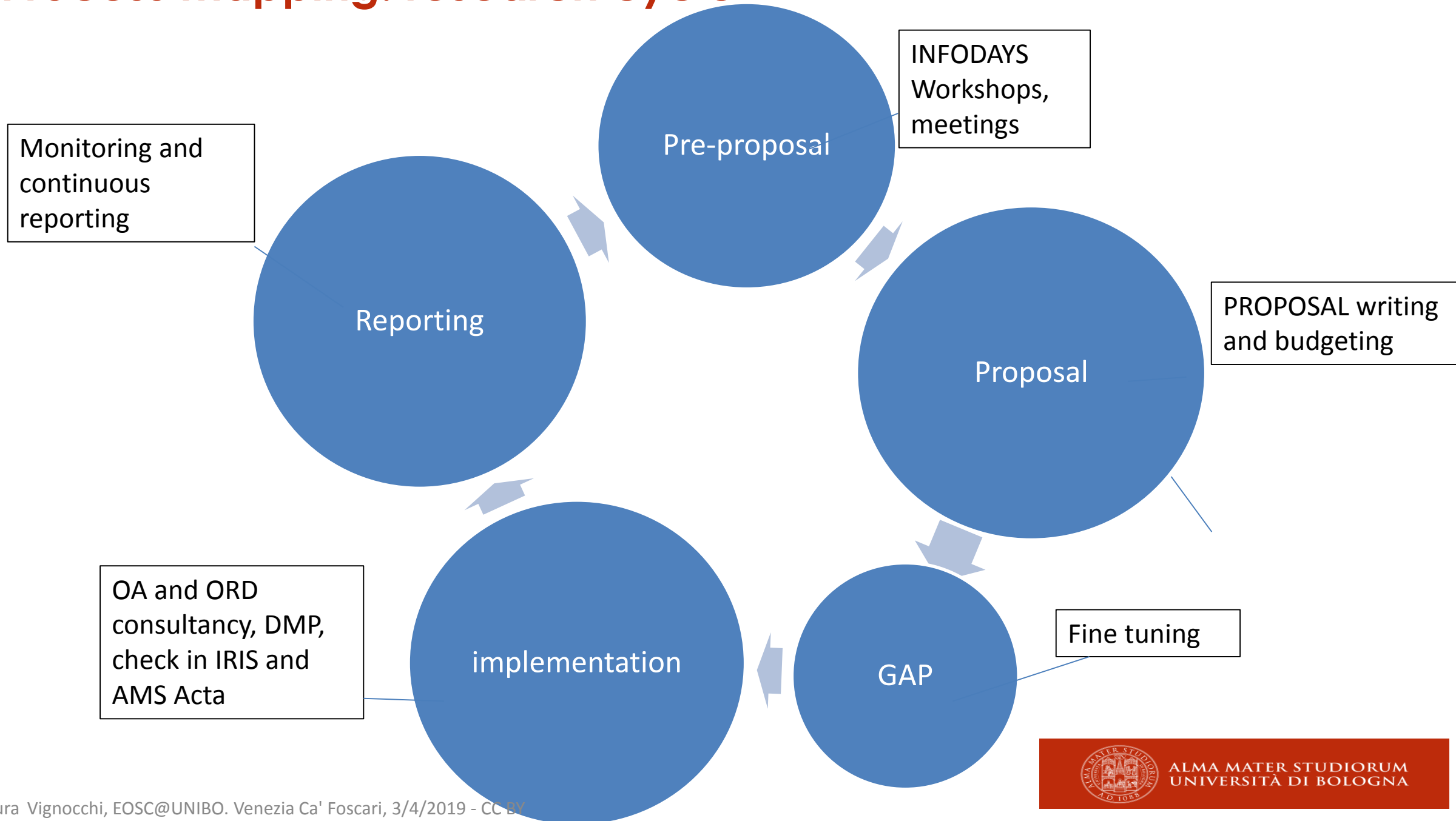
- ✓ distributed service-points close to the research communities
- ✓ user-oriented culture
- ✓ metadata expertise
- ✓ good knowledge of the scholarly communication system and the academic publishers' policies
- ✓ Basic legal expertise

Weaknesses:

- Self-referential
- Impact on research assessment procedures
- Lack of skills regarding data management
- Unequal distribution of human resources vs research-intensive departments

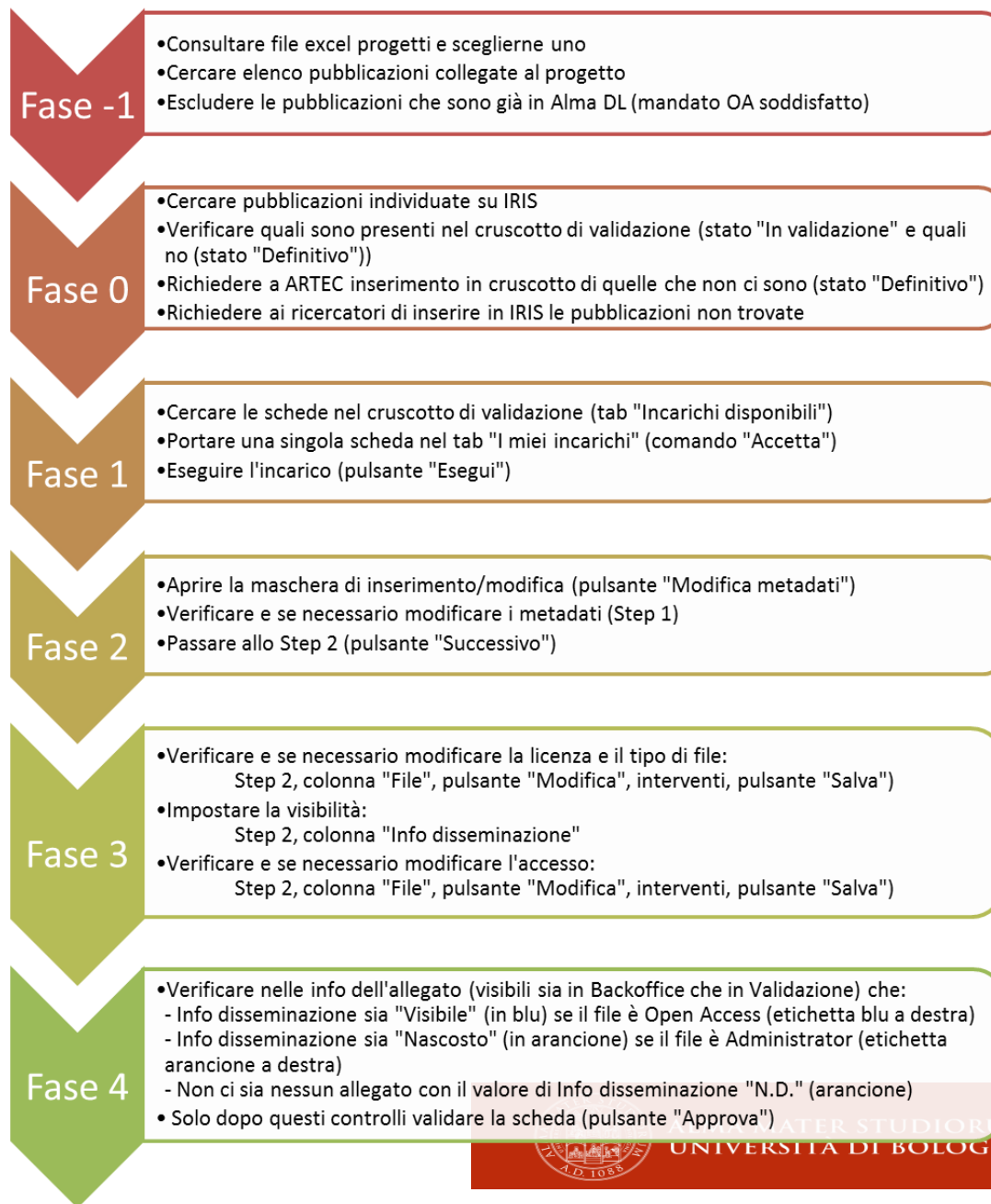


Process mapping: research cycle



Process Mapping: research items registration and validation in IRIS

1. Check registration in IRIS;
2. Check the metadata (guidelines by research assessment service)
3. Check the full-text
4. Validation of the full-text
5. Send details to research team for reporting



Staff training: first edition

➤ **May 2018: OA of publications + underlying data**

Duration: 30 hours

Partecipants: 29 librarians + 3 (research evaluation staff)

Contents: Open Science, European policies, Italian OA laws and Unibo institutional policy; H2020, PRIN and SIR mandates; how to publish and disseminate in OA: gold and green OA, open archives, publishers' policies and the evaluation of the publishing venues; APCs, Plan S and the transformative agreements. IRIS: research assessment exercises; validation of metadata and full-texts.

➤ **June 2018**

IRIS in practice (

Duration: 2 weeks

➤ **13 June 2018:** follow-up

➤ **9 October 2018:** guidelines for IRIS

➤ **December 2018: ORD and research data management** ←

Duration: 15 hours

Partecipants: 22 librarians + 3 (research evaluation staff)

Contents: Open Research Data Pilot in H2020; guidelines for research data management: FAIR principles and data repositories, the data management plan (DMP); Unibo data repository AMS Acta

Testing period

Duration: July-November 2018

Service: support to UNIBO research teams for the OA and ORD H2020 mandate

Libraries: 17 out of 28 + ABIS-AlmaDL / (32 non full-time librarians)

Service demand coverage: 100% on H2020 projects



Main achievements

- ✓ **Inter-division service agreement** (protocol) that defines the commitment, the service levels and the workflows of the different offices
- ✓ **Monitoring of the H2020 OA and ORD mandate**
- ✓ **Specialization of the technical infrastructures** with no overlapping: published research publications in IRIS and datasets and unpublished research in AMS Acta
- ✓ **Professional development of library staff; internal recruitment**
- ✓ **Repositioning academic libraries**

Areas of improvement

Organizational Communication

Communication needs to be better organized in order to streamline workflows of the actions to be taken by researchers, project managers and libraries. Correct information should improve timing and early planning of resources and actions

Monitoring

Information systems do not allow to monitor easily the respect of the mandate: probably the adoption of the IRIS project module may improve monitoring and accounting procedures

Staff reorganization

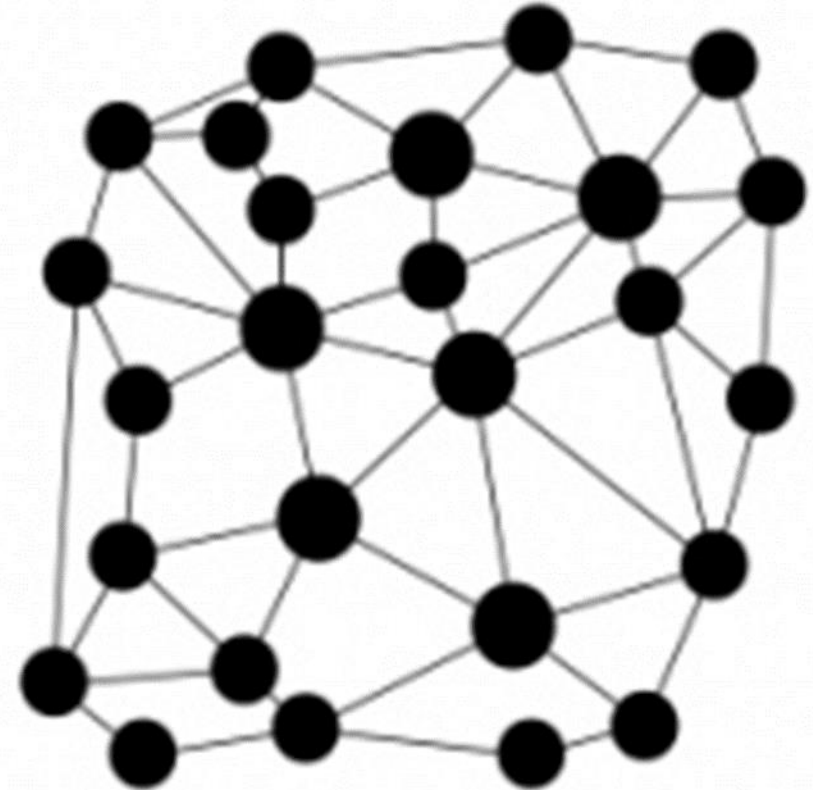
Research-intensive departments need dedicated full-time staff to support teams while less research-intensive disciplinary areas may rely on few hubs that offer support to a number of departments



Organizational model: distributed model based on a common service protocol

Pillars

- 1. Inter-division protocol:** defines the objectives, the processes, the activities, the process-owners, the actors involved
- 2. Networking** and sharing of the same objectives
- 3. Staff training:** common background contents and specialized contents for the different professional groups involved



Next steps

- **Open Science policy and a Data Management Policy**
- **Data literacy**
- **Human Resources:**
 - ❖ **Data librarians**
 - ❖ **Data curators**
 - ❖ **IP and GDPR experts**
- **Infrastructures**



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