

Consortia CoP – Brief annual report (July 2024–July 2025)

1. Collected and Delivered API Needs

The group led a structured call for input on missing API features. A shared spreadsheet was filled and finalized, then submitted to Ex Libris in March 2025. Integration examples were requested from members (e.g., CIL) to support future development. The group also raised the issue of the 1,000 API calls/day limit, encouraging consortia to negotiate increases (as CSUC successfully did).

2. Shaped Consortial Analytics Requirements

CoP members helped define requirements for analytics evolutions. Use cases and missing fields (especially for NZ/IZ) were submitted via the Analytics CoP. Concerns were raised about limitations of the upcoming snowflake platform : reports are out-of-the-box only, refreshed monthly, and offer no customization.

3. Tested and Promoted Community Tools

The group promoted CSUC's Global Changes App (for bulk Alma edits), now available for testing. Feedback was gathered, including a request to add a user creation feature for training purposes. Renouvaud presented a lightweight, tablet-compatible self-check application, sparking interest for reuse in other networks.

4. Influenced Ex Libris Development and Roadmap

The group reviewed the Ex Libris classification of support services tool feasibility and discussed ways to align needs across consortia. We discussed the Known Issues platform, the delay of the New Discovery Experience (NDE) for SLSP, the Primo union view, and proposed chat tools and dashboard alerts. The group contributed to timeline discussions and influenced prioritization of roadmap items.

5. Escalated Operational Issues and Shared Responses

Following the Frankfurt-to-Munich server migration (July 2025), member of the group monitored issues including Alma/Rapido slowness and analytics disruptions. Reminder of a possible escalation process was shared: submit cases via support, then flag critical issues to Maud via Basecamp. This was confirmed as the recommended fast-lane protocol.

6. Shared AI Project Landscape

A part of July 2025 session was dedicated to AI experimentation. Projects included Bibnet's AutoCat (for extracting metadata from PDFs), CSUC's GPT-based assistant (for Catalan), Renouvaud's local LLM hosting, and CIL's rule-based automations. No centralized direction was proposed, but members are encouraged to continue sharing tools and lessons.

7. Addressed Ethical and Strategic Issues

CSUC raised concerns about Ex Libris's ownership structure. The group acknowledged the topic while agreeing that there are few viable alternatives in the short term. Interest in open-source alternatives like FOLIO was noted for the longer term.

8. Expanded Membership

Ann-Louise (BIBSYS/Sikt) joined the group in July 2025.

9. Held Regular and Inclusive Meetings

The group met consistently. Agendas remained open to contributions. The next meeting is

scheduled for September 16, 2025 in Siena (hybrid format). Members were reminded of the €50 IGeLU registration discount for CoP participants.