IGeLU Esploro PWG Update

Maureen Bezanson, Southern Cross University

Rebecca Cooke, University of the Sunshine Coast

Meet the group

Rebecca Cooke
University of the Sunshine Coast, *Coordinator*

Hala El-Gohary
International Labor Organisation, *Deputy Coordinator*

Maureen Bezanson
Southern Cross University

Laura Ballestra
Biblioteca Mario Rostoni

Joan Kolarik
Drexel University

Chiara Pinciroli
Biblioteca Mario Rostoni

Montserrat Rodriguez-Marquez, University of Surrey, *Enhancements Coordinator*

Kaitlyn Houston
Murdoch University

Andrew Marsden
University of Greater Manchester

Paolo Buoso
Free University of Bozen-Bolzano*, IGeLU Steering Committee Liaison*

Susana Cardoso
International Labor Organisation

Indira Bermudez Aguilar
International Labor Organisation

Community

20th Conference
IGeLU 2025
Siena 15-18th September

Membership updates

Said goodbye (and happy retirement) to Margie Pembroke, Coordinator.

And to Dave Allen as Steering Committee Liaison.

Welcomed Kaitlyn Houston and Andrew Marsden as new members.

And welcomed Paolo Buoso in the role of Steering Committee Liaison.

20th Conference
IGeLU
2025
Siena 15-18th September

Product Working Group “Why”

1. Engagement with Ex Libris

2. Engagement with the Esploro community

3. Enhancements processes

20th Conference
IGeLU 2025
Siena 15-18th September

Engagement with Ex Libris Esploro Product Management

Goals:

- **Address community concerns**
- **Advocate for product improvements**
- **Review Roadmap developments**
- **Collaborate on the enhancements process**

This year we talked about:

- The 2024/2025 enhancements, and how they were progressing
- Provided feedback about new functionality
- Progress on issues with PrimoVE integration with Esploro
- Problems with Unpaywall integration with Esploro
- Discuss the Cloud App session with an Ex Libris developer
- Discuss the release schedule for Esploro, and the impending change to quarterly from monthly, to bring in line with Alma and Primo
- Roadmap updates

20th Conference
IGeLU 2025
Siena 15-18th September

Engagement with the Esploro community

Three community discussions

Esploro to Primo VE Integration - Topics included publishing limitations, inventory linking issues, and OpenURL availability messaging.

Datasets in Esploro - Covered restricted access, file versioning, large file handling, indexing, and integration with RDMPs.

SDGs in Esploro – Topics included recording SDGs in Esploro, integrations with other systems, workflows and processes.

Moderation of eList

As of July 2025, have 221 members on the Esploro eList, from 130 different institutions

Ex Libris Cloud Apps session

Ex Libris has run a Cloud Apps session for Esploro responding to community interest.
Recording is available.

Collaborative Best Practice Documents

Don't forget about the Collaborative Best Practice documents, located on the ELUNA website.

20th Conference
IGeLU 2025
Siena 15-18th September

Engagement with the Esploro community

Four Esploro presentations at the Conference (up from 2 in 2024!)

- Showcasing research impact in Esploro (University of the Sunshine Coast)
  ~~Tuesday 12:00PM~~ - DONE
- To share or not to share? A case study of research data management in Esploro (Southern Cross University)
  ~~Tuesday 1:30PM~~ - DONE
- PHD student dissertations and legal deposit to The National Central Library of Florence with Esploro@LIUC University (LIUC University)
  ~~Tuesday 2:10PM~~ - DONE
- Raising Research Visibility & Impact: Integrating InCites B&A with Scholarship@Miami (University of Miami)
  ~~Tuesday 3:45PM~~ – DONE
- *Aligning the ILO Thesaurus with the UN SDG Taxonomy: From Metadata to Discovery*
  Wednesday 10:20AM – ALMA stream, but Esploro PWG member ☺

20th Conference
IGeLU 2025
Siena 15-18th September

Enhancements process

2024 NERS cycle

5 enhancements made it through the vote and were marked as CERV in the release notes.
All have been delivered in 2025.

Enhancement request	Votes	Development Points	Release Delivered
Improve deposit forms	253 (12.05%)	25	July 2025
Ability to export search results from Research Portal	232 (11.05%)	5	March 2025
Make collections searchable	194 (9.24%)	8	January 2025
Ability to shift a researcher from creator to contributor	147 (7.00%)	5	February 2025
Duplicate an existing record for a new record edit	101 (4.81%)	8	February 2025

Enhancements process

2025 CERV cycle

33 enhancement requests submitted in Aha!, with the top 20 sent to Ex Libris for pointing.
The top four have been selected and sent to Ex Libris for development.

Check them out in the Enhancements Portal

Enhancement request	Votes	Development Points
More asset types	225 (9.00%)	5
Ability to harvest OA full text files or links	213 (8.52%)	15
Researcher submission of Media Mentions	130 (5.20%)	20
Improve management of additional subjects/keywords both in back office and Portal input	112 (4.48%)	10

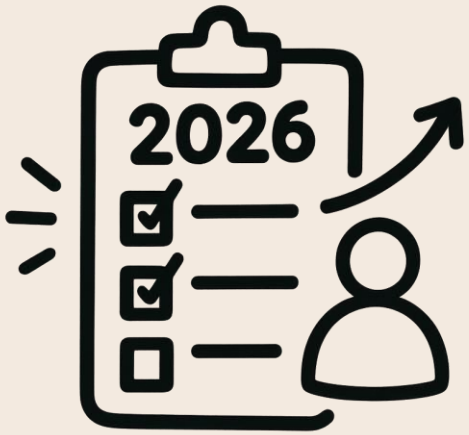
https://enhancements.aha.io/shared/0aca7c29781f57d23793d34a65c2cf0c

Additional activities in the last 12 months

- Updated and expanded Esploro content on the IGeLU website
- ELUNA proposed a cross-institutional dashboard to showcase community deposit metrics; a prototype has been developed and may be revisited in 2025/2026
- Esploro will adopt a quarterly release cycle from mid-2025, aligning with Alma and Primo
- IGeLU and ELUNA collaborated on an issue statement regarding Esploro's positioning within Clarivate.

20th Conference
IGeLU 2025
Siena 15-18th September

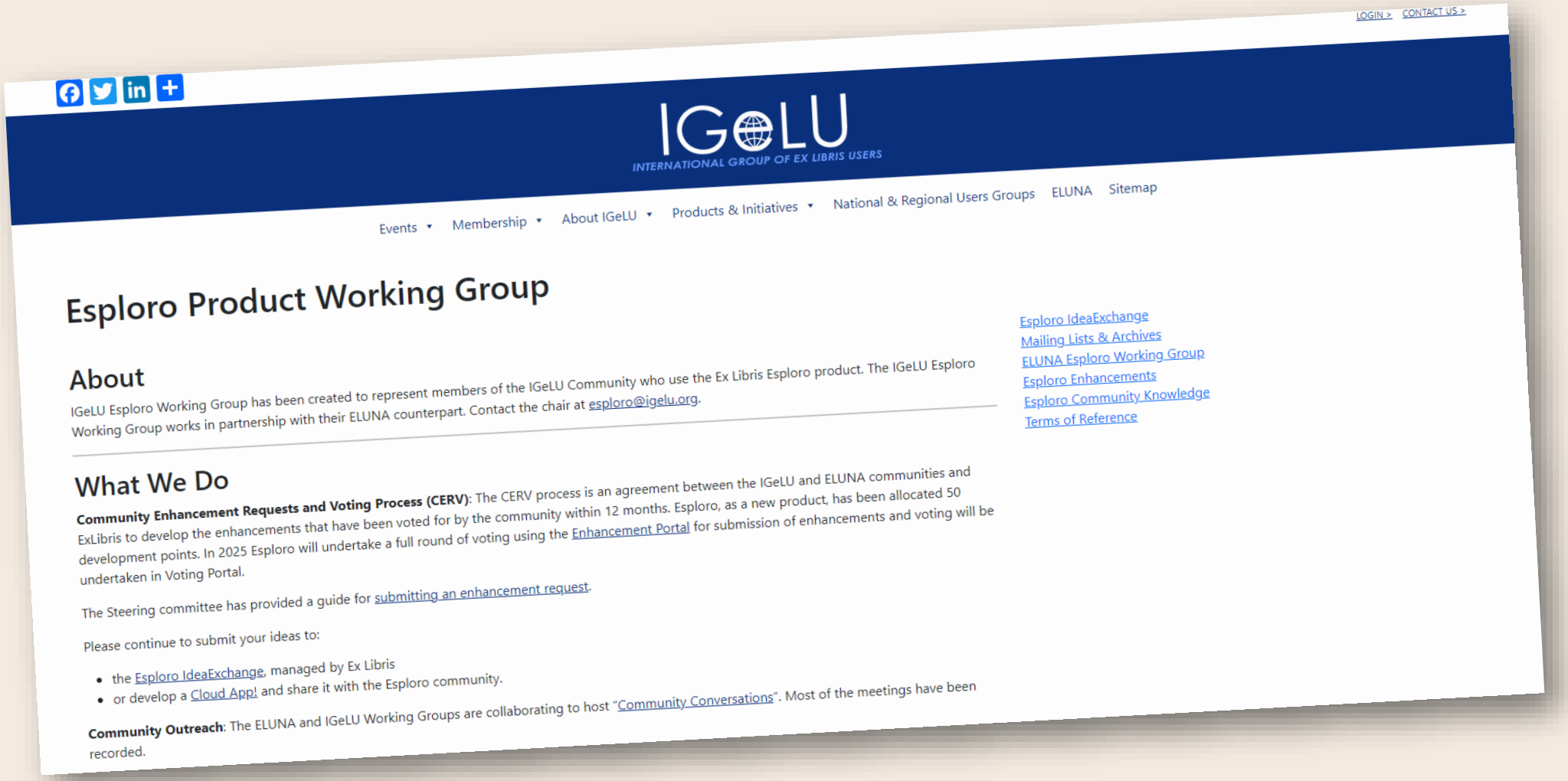
Priorities for 2025/2026



- Maintain monthly PWG meetings
- Provide regular updates via conferences and the IGeLU website
- Continue bi-monthly meetings with Ex Libris Product Management
- Finalize the 2024 CERV enhancement cycle
- Advance the 2025 CERV cycle
- Initiate the 2026 CERV cycle
- Collaborate with Ex Libris to align product development with community needs
- Organize community discussions in partnership with ELUNA.

20th Conference
IGeLU 2025
Siena 15-18th September

Where to find us



https://igelu.org/products-and-initiatives/product-working-groups/esploro/
(and https://el-una.org/leadership/working-groups/esploro-working-group/)

20th Conference
IGeLU 2025
Siena 15-18th September

20th Conference
IGeLU
2025
Siena 15-18th September