

Title	Development and characterisation of CRIS systems in Latin America: Preliminary results of diagnostic survey
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Abstract	<p>In January 2021, 18 CRIS systems from 8 different Latin American countries were registered in the euroCRIS DRIS (Directory of Research Information Systems). After a review of the respective websites, it was not possible to identify the type of system, its degree of development and interoperability with other systems, particularly with Institutional Repositories. On the other hand, no studies on the development of CRIS systems in the region were found in the primary sources of information.</p> <p>In order to carry out a diagnostic study about the characterisation and development of CRIS systems in Latin America an online survey was conducted in two stages during 2021. The first stage was a pilot, aimed to validate the instrument, while the second one involved an open call -- during the months of July to November -- addressed to higher education institutions and research centres in 21 Latin American countries. Based on established selection criteria, a sample of 645 entities (institutions/ repositories) to be surveyed was identified. A total of 133 responses were obtained from 16 different countries. According to the preliminary results, 31 CRIS systems from 12 countries were identified. This represents 23% of the respondents. The countries with the highest number of CRIS systems are Mexico, Peru, Argentina, Ecuador and Chile. More than 50% of the identified systems and initiatives are just starting out and almost half of them use a proprietary or hybrid software solution. Approximately 60% of CRIS systems have some kind of interaction with the Institutional Repository.</p> <p>The study is still in progress. The next stage will involve the collection and analysis of information on national CRIS projects, which are already under development in some countries in the region.</p>
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