

Going local: a consistent evolution of the CRIS procurement landscape across Europe

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Abstract

While countries like the Netherlands or Denmark are much more homogeneous in their national-level CRIS landscape, Türkiye is one of the countries – together with Germany, Poland, the United Kingdom and Spain among others – where a trend towards “going local” in the choice for an institutional CRIS software solution has become more prominent over the years. The shift in the CRIS landscape towards country-specific software solutions as opposed to international ‘monolithic’ CRIS instances is unmistakable – though it may be happening at different speeds and in a slightly different way in different countries. While the latter, “international” kind of commercial solutions – the likes of Pure, Converis, Esploro or Symplectic Elements – are still prevalent in many countries and widespread in many others, the consolidation of the CRIS landscape tends to result in a growing share of smaller solutions, often supplied by country-specific software providers.

The contribution will use data from the euroCRIS Directory of Research Information Systems (DRIS) as the basis for the analysis in different countries, examining the factors that may lead to different types of CRIS landscape. In Türkiye for instance, systems like the DSpace-CRIS based [GCRIS](#) and [Avesis](#) are predominant, while there is just one Pure, one Symplectic Elements and no Converis or Esploro implementations. This is well aligned with the institutional CRIS landscape in Spain, where there are just a few Pure instances and no Elements, Converis or Esploro ones as opposed to numerous locally provided systems using country-specific solutions like DialnetCRIS, iMarina or fund@anet.

It is however Germany where the trend has been more conspicuous over the years. This is a notoriously difficult evolution to capture on the basis of the euroCRIS DRIS alone, because the snapshot provided by the euroCRIS directory tends not to be comprehensive. However, the launching of the FIS Landkarte project by the German Commission for Research Information (KFiD) earlier this year has made a big difference in this regard, as this is the first-ever initiative aimed at capturing an open and comprehensive snapshot of the institutional CRIS landscape at a national level anywhere. The analysis provided by the FIS Landkarte project offers an opportunity to more closely examine the evolution of the German CRIS landscape over time to identify this trend to “go local”.

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