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### **Professional background**

I have been developing my professional expertise in the area of information science and digital libraries for more than 15 years. Currently I work at the Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT) in Madrid (Spain) as National Open Access Desk National for the OpenAIRE project, providing support to libraries and researchers about open science and research data management. Before that, I was Research & Scholarly Communications Information Manager at the University of Hertfordshire (UK), where I delivered support and training in open access, research data, research evaluation and metrics, as well as guidance on publication strategy and research intelligence. Prior to that I was Head of the Library and Information Service at the Spanish National Cardiovascular Research Centre in Madrid (Spain), where I was in charge of the library management, including acquisitions, license agreements, repository development, research support, and delivered bibliographic searches and biomedical information.

I hold a PhD in Linguistics on Medical Terminology from the University of the Basque Country, a Master in Digital Libraries and Information Services from the Carlos III University of Madrid, and a Bachelor's degree in Translation and Interpreting.

I speak Spanish, English, German and French fluently; and due to the periods I was settled in France, Germany, Austria, and in the UK, I have not only the linguistic knowledge but also the understanding of cultural differences and diversity, which can be an asset connecting people from different countries.

### **Aims for the EAHIL**

I have been attending EAHIL workshops and conferences since 2012, participating in many activities, continuing education sessions courses and social events. All of the events I attended have been highly open and motivating, and I always had the chance to meet many really lovely people, both professional and personal. Regarding my formal contribution until now, together with Valeria Scotti I am promoter and co-chair of the Evaluation and Metrics Special Interest Group, and I have been also promoter of the Evidence-Based Information Group (EBI). I was also elected Council member for Spain for the period 2015-2018.

As a member of the EAHIL Board I would like to help people to connect, cooperate, share initiatives and develop networking, not only during the workshops and conferences but also during the rest of the year. In addition, there are many colleagues that are not able to attend the physical conferences due to not affordable travel costs and also to language barriers. These inconveniences could be minimized with more online activities, and we can all take profit of the experience acquired during the current COVID-19 situation. More open virtual activities can also bring us closer to sister organisations and colleagues from outside of Europe.

I also believe on the importance of the SIGs, as they allow identifying colleagues that work in similar situations and have the same difficulties; therefore we should promote them to increase people's active participation. And similarly, the presence of national councilors and experienced members should be boosted, as they are a key element particularly to link with national professionals who do not feel comfortable enough to express themselves in English.