

## Joy and efficiency at work from networks The AMKIT Consortium's strategy for 2012 – 2016

### Mission statement / basis for the strategy of the AMKIT Consortium

The AMKIT Consortium is formed by libraries operating in universities of applied sciences (UAS). It supports regional, national and international cooperation and looks after the interests of its members.

### Vision for the cooperation between libraries operating in universities of applied sciences (AMKIT Consortium) for 2016

The AMKIT Consortium advocates proactive action in variable networks of cooperation. Libraries have a strong cooperation network.

### Values

Sense of community, trust, sharing of competence and creativity

## Concrete goals for 2016

### **1. The UAS libraries have the ability to procure electronic material at competitive costs to meet the objectives and content requirements of teaching and research at universities of applied sciences**

#### *Indicators*

1. The existence of pricing models applicable in various user situations for universities of applied sciences (e.g. frequently and rarely used material).
2. The quantity of printed material that AMKIT members would like to procure in electronic format but is not available electronically or cannot be procured sustainably.

### **2. Decisions on the use of centralised funding from the Ministry of Education and Culture**

Funding received by libraries of universities of applied sciences from the Ministry of Education and Culture is transparent and varies slightly from year to year.

- If the Ministry of Education and Culture's funding continues to be channelled to the National Library of Finland, then all three operators will have a good understanding of the amount of funding, of the services provided with it and of the annual share of funding that can be targeted.

#### *Indicator*

The AMKIT Consortium can influence the funding the Ministry of Education and Culture has allocated to the National Library of Finland for Libraries of universities of applied sciences.

### **3. The libraries of the universities of applied sciences engage in international cooperation**

#### *Indicators*

1. The AMKIT Consortium has an international library or consortium partner (partners).
2. The UAS libraries have shared competence in the European Union's (EU) and other international projects.
3. The UAS libraries engage in active international expert exchange programmes.

### **4. Service offering of the libraries of the universities of applied sciences**

The UAS libraries have a shared view of the key services they offer to the universities' core processes in an online environment and in the form of personal service and self-service.

#### *Indicators*

1. Taking different forms of study into account, the AMKIT Consortium and the Union of Students in Finnish Universities of Applied Sciences (SAMOK) have together prepared a set of service principles. Students graduating from universities of applied sciences are experts in the acquisition and utilisation of information in their respective fields.
2. The AMKIT Consortium has, together with other players from the universities of applied sciences sector, prepared general service principles for research, development and innovation operations in universities of applied sciences.

### **5. National cooperation in the procurement and maintenance of information systems**

#### *Indicators*

1. Preparation by the AMKIT and Linnea2 Consortiums, the Council of Special Libraries and the Council for Public Libraries for the procurement of a new library information system has proceeded and at least some libraries are beginning the introduction of the system at the end of the strategic period.
2. The introduction of a customer interface by the National Digital Library has improved the quality of customer service provided by the UAS libraries through more efficient processes.

### **6. The network of libraries of the universities of applied sciences as a cooperation environment**

The network of UAS libraries is an attractive working environment. The working groups of the AMKIT Consortium share and develop competence. The Consortium supports active interaction.

#### *Indicator*

A third of the employees of the UAS libraries participate in national and international cooperation between libraries.

The AMKIT Consortium's annual action plans will further specify the strategy's goals and operating methods in order to realise them.