

iSchools: connecting information, technology and people around the globe

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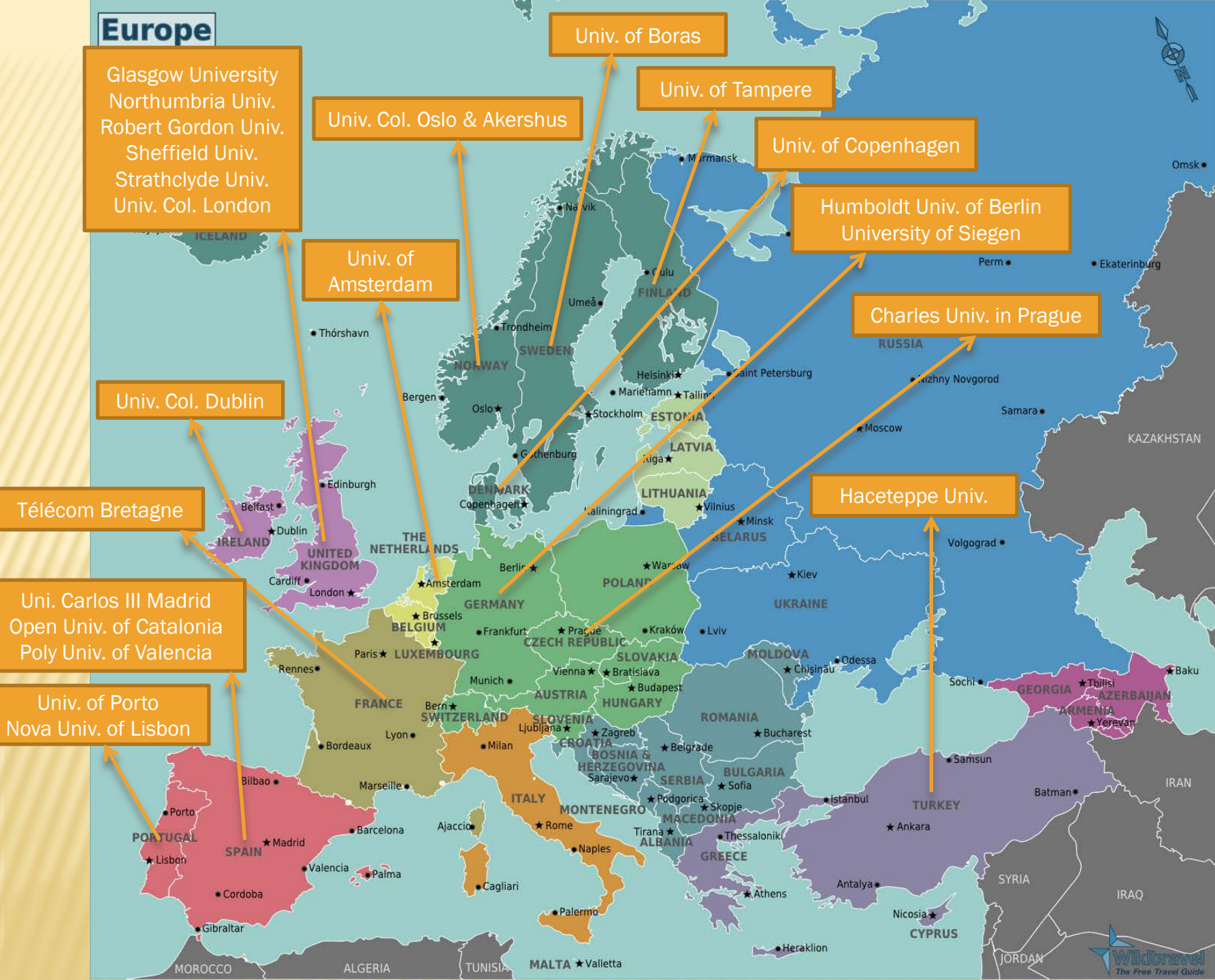


- ✘ A global organization leading and promoting the field of Information
 - + Currently 65 members
 - + 22 members from Europe
 - ✘ 6 members from UK
 - + Unity in diversity: a critical mass is forming
- ✘ Better contributions, stronger presence...

ISCHOOLS VISION

- ✘ to maximize the **visibility and influence** of its members, and their **interdisciplinary approaches** to harnessing the power of **information and technology**, and maximizing the potential of **humans**
- ✘ To spread the iSchool Movement around the world so that the **information field is widely recognized** for **creating innovative systems** and **designing information solutions** that benefit individuals, organizations, and society
- ✘ iSchool **graduates** will fill the **personnel and leadership needs** of organizations of all types and sizes
- ✘ Our **research** will attract **strong support** and have **profound impacts** on society and on the formulation of policy from local to international levels

Europe



Glasgow University
Northumbria Univ.
Robert Gordon Univ.
Sheffield Univ.
Strathclyde Univ.
Univ. Col. London

Univ. Col. Oslo & Akershus

Univ. of Boras

Univ. of Tampere

Univ. of Copenhagen

Humboldt Univ. of Berlin
University of Siegen

Charles Univ. in Prague

Hacettepe Univ.

Univ. of Amsterdam

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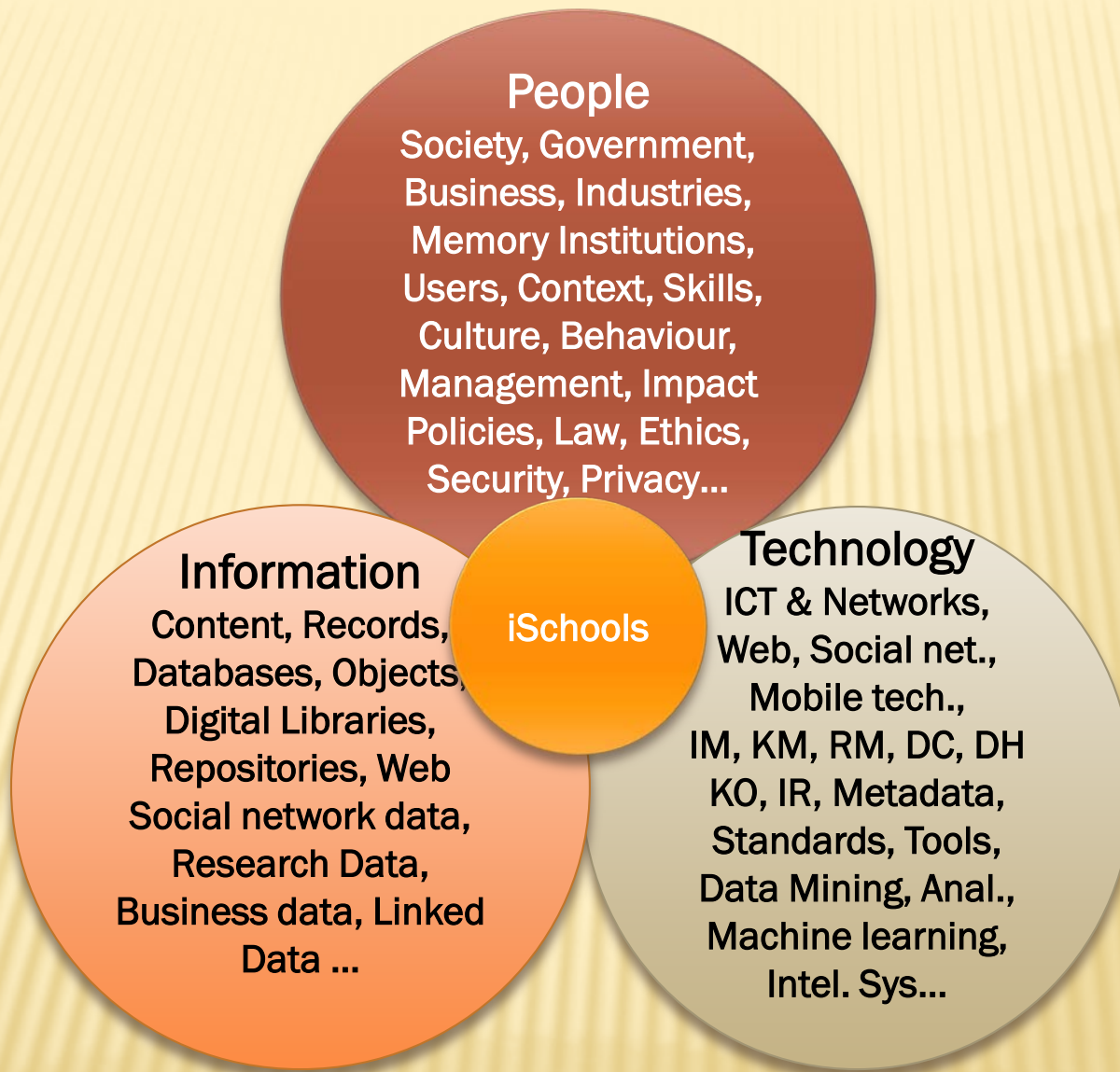
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Uni. Carlos III Madrid
Open Univ. of Catalonia
Poly Univ. of Valencia

Univ. of Porto
Nova Univ. of Lisbon

INFORMATION EDUCATION IN EUROPE

- ✘ iSchools in Europe vary
 - + In size and capacity: from 5 to 50+ staff
 - + In focus: from Library, Records and Archives management to Information and Knowledge management to Data Science
- ✘ Some EU iSchools activities
 - + Meetings amongst iSchools members
 - + Collaborations among some iSchools e,g, the Scandinavian iSchools; Humboldt and Copenhagen...
 - + Research collaborations and joint bidding for H2020..



Govt.,
Businesses,
Industries..

Policies,
Regulations

Funding,
Impact ..

Publishers,
Databases,

External
forces

Web,
Mobile ...

Search
engines

Social
networks...

INFORMATION PROFESSION

Dealing with Content

Managing Content: creation,
access and preservation; Info.
Services & Mgmt; Research

Dealing with Data

Dealing with technologies

ICT and infrastructure, web,
tools, standards, systems,
usability; Analysis; Research

Information
Profession

Dealing with people, society, organization

Understanding and managing
people, society, context,
community, culture....;
Research

Dealing with Institutions and Policies

Resources & System
Management and marketing;
Regulations and Policies...;
Research

INFORMATION WORLD: A PARADIGM SHIFT

- ✘ Driving forces
 - + Open Access
 - + Web, mobile, social networks
- ✘ Competition
 - + Parallel services
 - + Free at the point of use
- ✘ New opportunities for Information
 - + Personalised and Value added services
 - + New job market: data linking, analysis...

INFORMATION EDUCATION & RESEARCH: SOME QUESTIONS

- ✘ What's the core of our discipline?
- ✘ What's the key strength of our graduates?
- ✘ What can we offer that others can't?
- ✘ What is the impact of our research?
- ✘ What's our contribution to knowledge, economy and society?
- ✘ What's the future: Information Science, Data Science, Knowledge Science?

HOW CAN THE ISCHOOLS HELP?

- ✘ A critical mass, a global brand
- ✘ New and shared curriculum
- ✘ Knowledge sharing, Collaborations & exchange programmes
- ✘ Joint degrees/Dual awards
- ✘ Joint funding applications, e.g. EU Horizon2020 bids; global funding
- ✘ and many more

THANKS, AND NOW ...

