

Partnering with FinELib – science, research, teaching and learning to the top

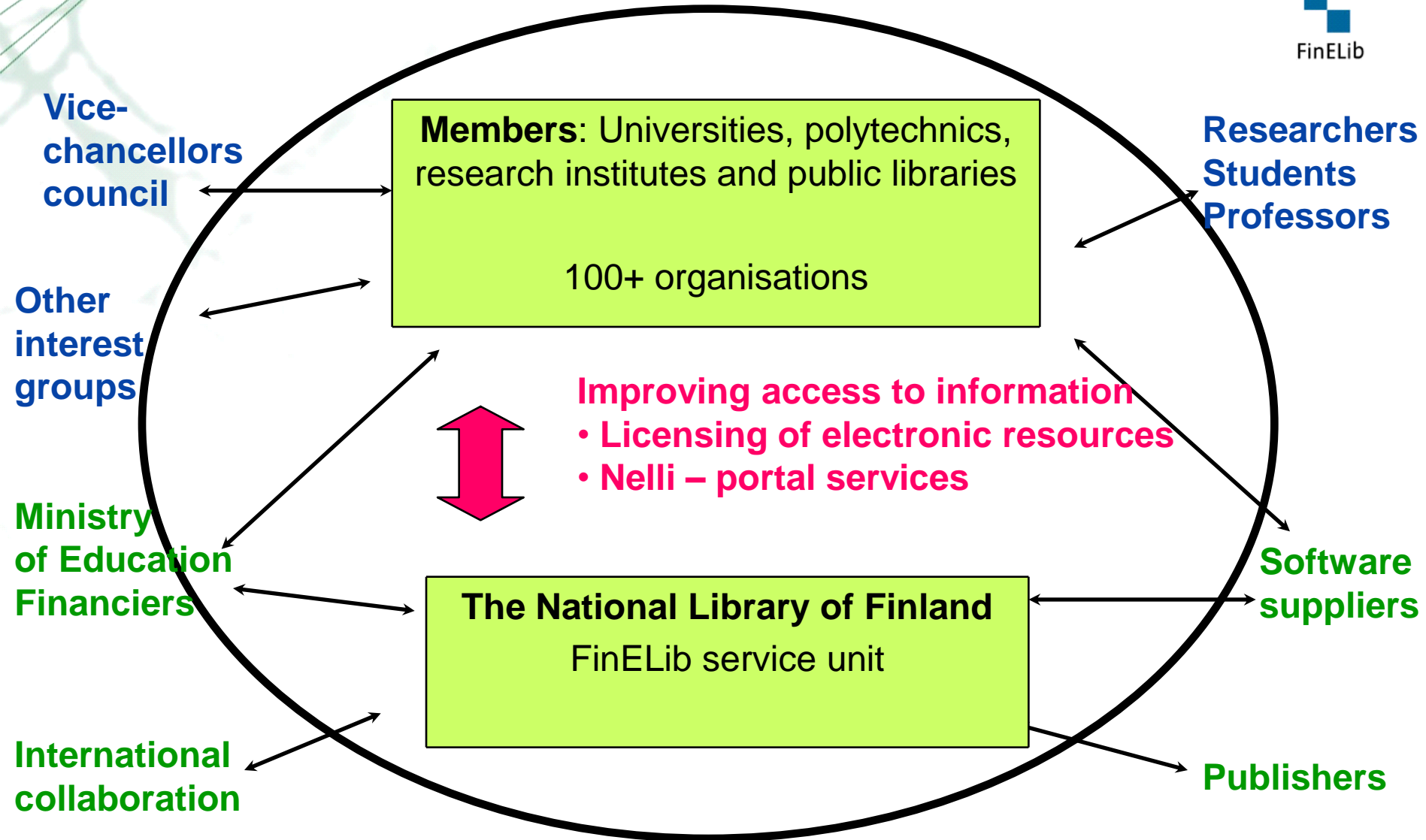


ELNET Consortium 10 years

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FinELib-Consortium



What is FinELib?



- consortium
 - members
 - 110 members
 - universities, polytechnics, research institutes, public libraries
 - government funding
 - universities, polytechnics, public libraries
 - ca EUR 4 million
 - activities coordinated by National Library



Central funding



- Universities EUR 3 million
 - Licences
 - National portal
 - Staff
- Polytechnics ca EUR 0.8 million
 - Licences
 - National portal
 - Staff
- Public libraries ca EUR 0.33 million
 - National portal
 - Staff

Key figures 2005

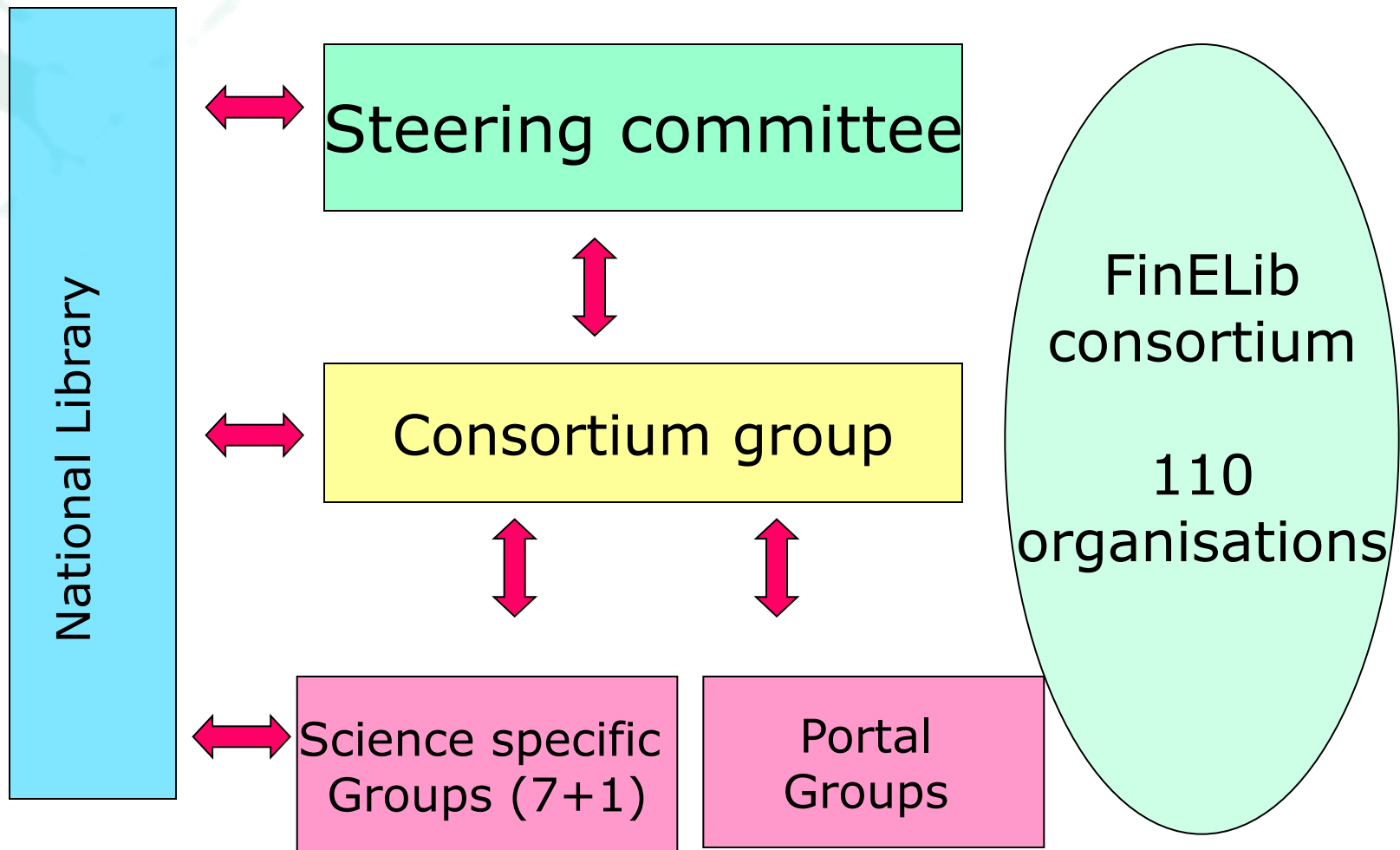
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Turnover• Licences Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EUR 12,2 million• 21 500 e-journals• 127 000 e-books• 267 databases
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trend of usage• Consortium	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5,2 mill. downloads• Growth 34%• 110 members

Development of the programme



- Evaluation
 - International evaluation 2002
- Strategic planning
 - Strategy 2004-2006; **2007-2015**
- Steering mechanism
 - Memorandum of Understanding 2004-2006; 2007-
 - Service agreements 2004-2006; 2007-
 - Licensing
 - Portal
 - Steering groups 2004-2006; 2007-2009

Steering mechanism



Methods used to analyze outcome



- **Usage statistics** (since 1998)
- **User surveys** (since 1998)
 - Researchers, teachers, students
 - Libraries
- **Evaluation**
 - International evaluation of the consortium
 - Evaluation of the strategy 2004-2006
- **Research**
 - 6 Master Thesis since 2003
 - International scientific papers concerning FinELib
 - Trends in use in different disciplines; Bibliometrics

Strategic goals of the consortium 2004-2006

- Improve access to information in the society
- Meet the service needs of the libraries



Outcome – access to information

Researchers at Universities

Central indicators of material provision and usage

Indicators	2000	2004	Growth %
Electronic journals	6000	19500	232%
Reference databases	90	115	28%
Printed articles	1 million	3,2 million	220%
Searches	8 million	18,5 million	131%

Source: Vakkari, P. 2006. Trends in the use of digital libraries by scientists in 2000-2005: A case study of FinELib

Outcome – access to information

Researchers at Universities

Perceived availability of central material in FinELib (%)		
Perceived availability	2000 (n=459)	2005 (n=466)
Very good	10	17
Good	44	52
Moderate	38	26
Bad or not at all	8	4
Total	100	100

Source: Vakkari, P. 2006

Outcome – access to information

Researchers at Universities

The proportion of those perceiving availability at least good by discipline (%)		
Discipline (n)	2000	2005
Humanities (97/71)	27	49
Natural Sciences (153/50)	56	69
Economics (69/28)	74	76
Engineering (103/71)	66	76
Medicine (76/72)	66	77

Source: Vakkari, P. 2006

Importance of the services provided by FinELib to the libraries



IMPORTANCE	2001 Important / very important	2005 Important / very important
National licensing	98%	98%
Budgetary support	96%	96%
Customer service	80%	91%
Coordination of training (train the trainers)	71%	82%

Satisfaction of the libraries on the services provided by FinELib

SATISFACTION	2001 Satisfied/very satisfied	2005 Satisfied/very satisfied
National licensing	75%	85%
Budgetary support	39%	78%
Customer service	49%	82%
Coordination of training (training the trainers)	43%	79%

Outcome

- Access to information has improved
- How can we motivate *students* to use the services?
- FinELib service unit meets well the needs of the libraries
- The working environment is changing radically – how to meet the new needs?



