



## Fact Sheet

### DRIVER

#### What?

A project funded by the sixth-framework programme (FP6) of the European Commission (Information Society & Technology directorate). The acronym stands for

#### **Digital Repositories Infrastructure Vision for European Research**

= the vision of a network of European digital repositories for the diffusion and availability of scientific research.

#### Goal

To build an infrastructure of people and technologies, through the use of state-of-the-art technological standards and an extensive network, which guarantees the diffusion and archiving of all OA materials coming from scientific institutions. That way, scientists worldwide have free access to high-quality European research results, which can be re-used, built on, and most importantly, cited! This way an article can achieve significantly more impact and this will benefit both the individual researcher as well as their institution and society in general. Within DRIVER, the main focus is to make European research as visible as possible within the global knowledge economy.

#### Who?

DRIVER consists out of **twelve partners out of ten EU-countries**: some countries have a national network of scientific institutions which acts as a partner (SURF in the Netherlands, CNRS in France, CNR in Italy), other partners are individual universities (UGent, University of Athens, Bielefeld, Göttingen, Warschau, Bath, Nottingham).

The task of the University of Ghent within DRIVER is advocacy and to raise awareness, for researchers as well as research administrations, funding and governmental agencies. The University Library of Ghent will also provide a portal to exchange best practices and technical expertise. January 2007 will see the birth of the Belgian website, <http://www.driver-repository.be>

In Spring 2007 Ghent University Library will also conduct user studies (Spring 2007). The more successful the DRIVER project is, the more high quality material will become available and thus, the higher the visibility and impact of all participating research institutions.