

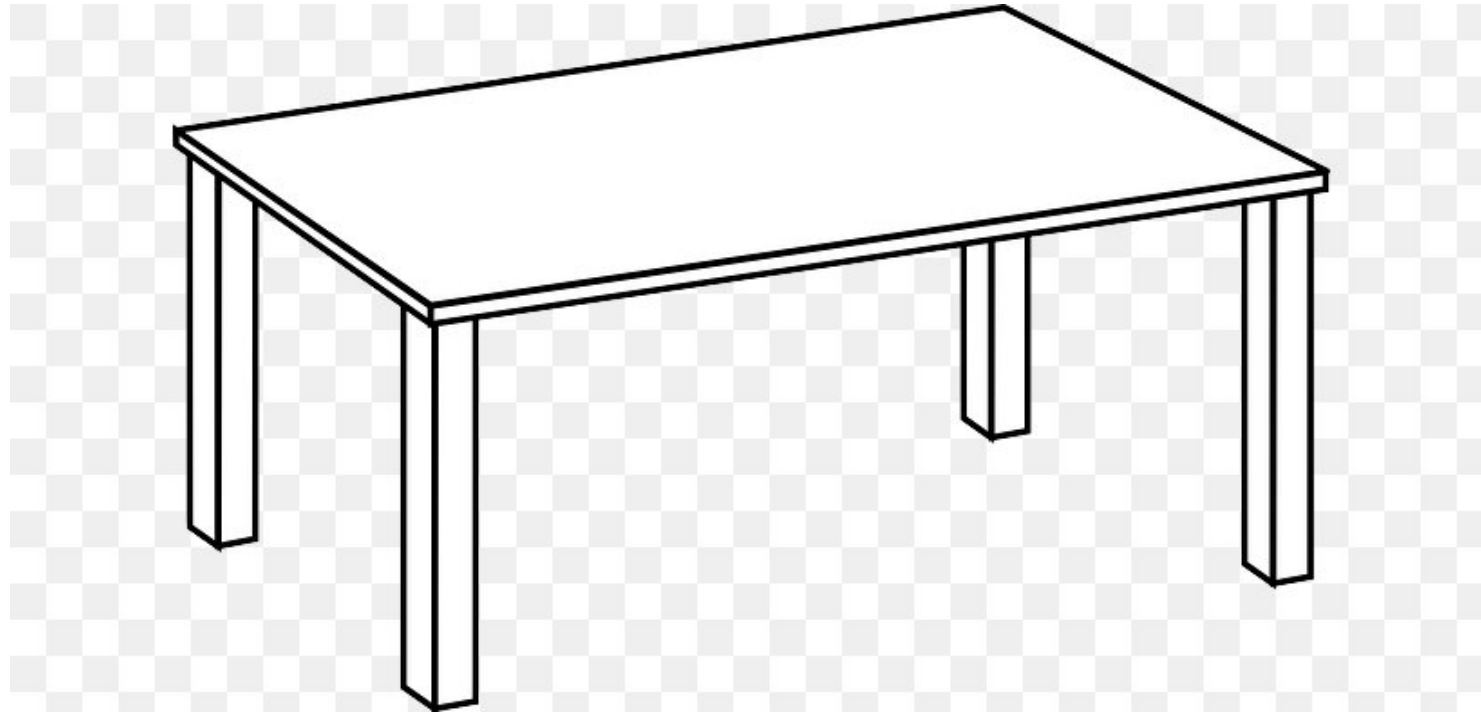
Grey Literature Publisher Commons: Organizations managing digital shared resources

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While the **Grey Literature Publisher Commons** is not yet an entity, it is however on the table for serious consideration.



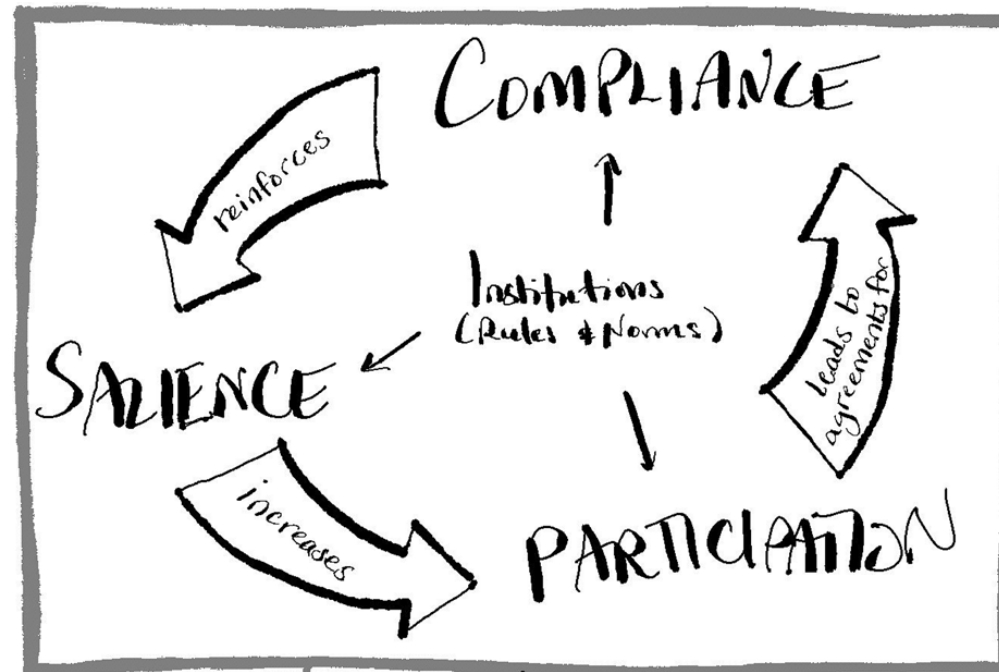
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The idea was inspired by the publication of **PUBGREY, a Registry of Publishers in Grey Literature** that is in line with Commons Theory

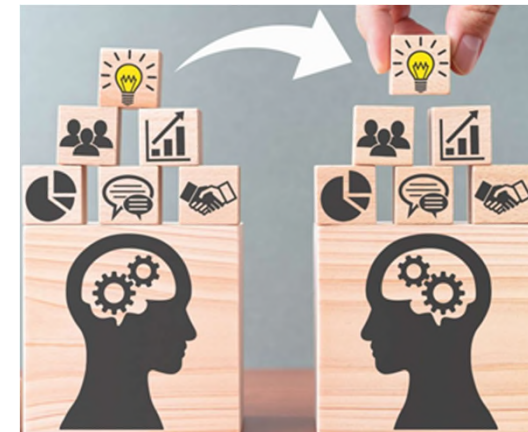


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Commons Theory explains how communities self-organize to manage shared resources sustainably through their institutions



The concept of a Commons not only allows for the **open access** of digital shared resources, but also the **know-how and communication** between and among grey literature publishers.



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Early on, GreyNet moved from a demand-side perspective on grey literature to a **supply-demand side perspective**



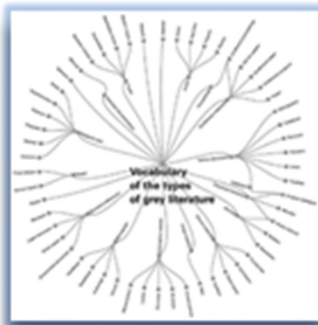
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In this way, the **range of stakeholders** is broadened from librarians and documentalists to include the authors and researchers along with their publishing organizations.



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Just as there are multiple and diverse grey literature document types,
so too are the organizations that publish them



Reports
Theses
Proceedings
Videos
Other



Academic
Government
Research
Business
Other



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It serves no longer to simply state the sector in which these organizations are categorized, but it is time to **call them by their name.**



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The Global Forum for Publishers in Grey Literature would provide a unique opportunity for participating organizations to consider the idea of a Commons and **gauge its viability**



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While GreyNet introduces this proposal, it well understands that it would require the **commitment of lead organizations** to proceed further.



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Benefits of a Grey Literature Publisher Commons (GLPC)

- Establishes Publisher Identity and Recognition
- Improves Discoverability and Visibility of Grey Literature Publications
- Provides a Collaborative Environment for Shared Expertise and Capacity Building
- Connects diverse grey literature publishers both in size and subject matter



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Thank You!



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