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The director of the Gdańsk University of Technology (Gdańsk Tech) Library.

An experienced library manager, expert in the field of Open Science, digital libraries, as well as organization and management of a scientific library. She conducts scientific research in the field of data management in various scientific disciplines, metadata for research data, and data management support services - incl. defining the role and tasks of data stewards and data librarians.

Since January 2022, President of the International Association of University Libraries (IATUL). A member of several organizations, working groups and bodies actively working for Open Science, incl.: SPARC Europe Board of Directors, IATUL Board of Directors, CESAER (Conference of European Schools for Advanced Engineering Education and Research), Research Data Alliance, GO FAIR Data Stewardship Competence Centers Implementation Network (national chapter coordinator), EOSC Association.

Plenipotentiary of the Rector of the GdańskTech for Open Science. Initiator and creator of the Open Science Competence Center at the Gdańsk University of Technology.

Coordinator of the Bridge of Data project implemented by the GdańskTech, financed by the Digital Poland Operational Program, whose primary goal is to publicly expose Open Research Data provided by several Polish universities.

She was also the GdańskTech project manager of the "BE OPEN – European forum and oBservatory for OPEN science in transport" project financed under the HORIZON 2020 program.

In the years 2007-2016, she worked at the Wrocław University of Science and Technology, where in 2013, as the Rector's Proxy for Organization of the Center for Scientific and Technical Information (CWINT), she developed the concept of organization and functioning of a new university unit, combining the functions of a university library, departments responsible for university cooperation with the economy, technology transfer and intellectual property management. From January 2014, she was the first director of CWINT and the director of the WrUT Libraries.

Author and co-author of scientific articles, conference publications, presentations and posters related to Open Science and research support and library management. Organizer and member of program committees of national and international conferences and meetings popularizing issues related to openness and FAIR-ness in science.